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A Bold adventure, a new Way declared in a further imitation of more domestique Boarders and Schollers of the feminine gender, in vindication of a pious intention, and Christian relife of a disconsolate Husband, and thre innocent young Children, for the losse of an imperious revolted wife, and an ungratefull Man-servant, lately departed together, or a'sunder, into the streights of Magellanica, or the West Indies, or some where else unknowne, to trade by their owne selfe wits or Wills, in Chaundry Wares, or Cotton-Wooll, in flat opposition and dislike of so laudible and generous a designe, &c.

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**P**AUL may plant, and *Apollo* may water, but it is God alone which rendreth the increase. The sandy foundation of my building hitherto must be razed, and a firmer timely prepared to erect a new edifice upon. But seeing my particular ruine (with too many in the like Catastrophe) cannot, nay, must not (with times variation) be repaired by the ancient and ordinary rules of Law and Justice, which evidently presages an eminent (or imminent) dissolution. And therefore beyond the care of these outward Tabernacles, the eternall mansion of our soules should be thought upon, by a sure laying another manner, and more firme foundation; building and erecting securely on that blessed, and most immoveable Rock, *Christ Jesus*; by a daily fa-

brick and edification of a Theologall architec-  
ture of Faith, Hope, and Charity; which ver-  
ties are not singly attained by humane endea-  
vour alone, but through co-operation of Gods  
holy Spirit (preventing Grace from divine illu-  
stration perpetually assisting) yet for certain wee  
may by Industry enlighten and conduct mora-  
lity to some Speciall degree or apprehension of  
some hopefull perfection (beginning at youth e-  
specially) in the future in one, or all, the chiefe  
whereof is Christian charity; alwayes intending  
the mortall good and benefit of others, with (and  
sometimes before) our selves. Now although my  
former intendment hath prepared ready for the  
preffe, two tracts of another consequence, and  
more concerning the publique; a tract whereof  
I have lately set forth in Print, by way of a Re-  
monstrance, entituled *Clericus Mercati*. Of ano-  
ther also likewise ready, for the timely expression  
of Mortification and Repentance. Forasmuch as  
my unhappy and perfidious yoke-fellowes, and  
co-partners, both male and female, have con-  
joyntly made me (some other way not to be men-  
tioned) more publique then my selfe would have  
it, or desired; and thereafter framed and suted  
their intentions and purposes (though not with  
my consent, as they pretend) quite opposite to  
these immaculate times (as some too precisely  
deeme) which need no Repentance now, aswell  
as no *Clericus Mercati*; both damned in judge-  
ment, as uselesse or fruitlesse for Church or Com-  
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mon-wealth. I have therefore laid aside and suspended awhile, both Tra's. and surall office together, as impertinent, & will the present times mend or end with me and mine, and so patiently refer my cause and needlesse calling, to the Laws supreame, at the last and generall Resurrection. In the meane season (not grow desperate) but assume a stedfast resolution (through publique and private distemper) to wade through all temporall disasters; but first, submit and returne to God Almighty, beginning like a yong and hopefull Grammar-Scholar, with *Proximus sum, &c.* true charity begins at home, &c. Maugre that instance of wisdome and experience, which infallibly denoteth *Cor humile faciemque modestam, & plagam cordis efficit mulier improba; manus remissas & genua soluta, que non consolatur virum suum in angustia, &c.* Ecclesiasticus 25. ver. 23. *et feliciter*

For as much as time and too late experience hath made me sensible of every sillable of this sacred Text, and sent home to my habitation (even to the very doors and posts of my house) a dolefull commentary thereof, yet in pious consideration, that Sampson (though treacherously betrayed by Dalilah) had strength enough continued in him afterwards, to ruine his enemies by the same meanes they infnared him; and surely the promise (through divine ordinance and providence) is not by the bondwoman, but the free, as our Apostle also inferreth, &c. Gal. 4. 24. Let me not therefore (Christian Reader) be deemed too

confident or arrogant (amid a conjugall contestation) to undertake (though not by my selfe alone, being the unfortunate husband of an impious and revolted wife) yet by the obsequious helpe of others, pious, vertuous, and expert assistants that way of my procurement) to breed up and religiously educate, three dozen at least of pure Virgins, and yet turne and returne them all safe and secure to their severall indulgent Parents, after foure or five yeares exercise of their young and tender inclinations, as chaste and pure, and surely more perfect and cleare, then they came or were delivered into my charge, maugre all those imputations of my frozen imbecilitie that way, cast upon me by my lustfull wife, who (after almost twentie yeares experience) declares me scarce so able for her satisfaction as an Evenuch, or for education (as well as procreation) of youth male or female, more impotent then a dunce or a disguised Schoolemaster, lost utterly for want of wit, or defect of such another rurall office, having almost consumed his whole substance upon his wifes wit, and her two leav'd booke, whereon he hath poared himselfe so dull and blind, that halfe his revenue left can hardly procure right Christall spectacles, to contrive a close, way to pay his debts to her minion, or avoyd the acknowledgement of a disguised or discontented Cuckold, unlesse the revolted wife would have

Cuckold

timely become a convert to returne on her bare knees to aske pardon of her husbands jealousie, and not her owne impudency, and therefore politikely he turned his Clerke out of doores after his rurall office, being first in his debt 500.pound by his wives procurement, that she might (in piuous affection of justice) follow after him, well knowing before hand, that her selfe alone, neither could nor would performe the duties of a loyall wife, unlesse the man were sometimes ready provided to take off what the master had layd on ; but mistake me not, I meane in dry beating, which she could no longer endure from her husband at no time, but rather a threefold bum-basting from the abler man, her husbands Clerke, at all times at home or abroad, more willing alwayes to steere her floating vessell by her mans Rudder then her husbands Mainesaile or Tackling either, which made her at last cut Cables and ride away by stealth in Church time, for feare of too speedy pursuite by an old, lame, and lasie husband. But to avoyd prolixity in this ambiguous and incurable malady, and to congratulate with their conjoyn特 and more feasable deaignes, whatsoever, or wheresoever pretended, or farther intended betweene themselves, or asunder, as they cunningly seeme to be for a time of future advantage : I dedicate as well to them, as these wavering times , this my rustique muse.

*Viz.*

*Thought*

*Though wives comply not with their husbands straine,  
To castigate young girles, must age restraine?  
No suer, for education (man's) evermore the best;  
To instruct and point them home to heavenly rest.  
Although the younglings thinke the old ones fooles,  
Yet th'oldest know more young ones whipt in schooles.  
All youth is ranging, till find themselves more wise,  
Old ones experience, for them's in stead of eyes.*

Numb. 10.  
31.  
Eccles.  
25.6.

Notwithstanding all the insultant premises of an ungracious wife; I have had by two wives, six children; though now (through lazie negligence or other accidentall impediment) I have so sel-dome, and timerously frequented the two-leav'd fore-dore of my stately habitation; that my present wite (with some other of that fleeting sex) hath been unwillingly constrained to run thow the back-yard of Concupiscence behinde her husbands great house, to periwade her lusty man to perform his Masters office at home and abroad, that she may the better enjoy her owne husbands company, who hath been hitherto de-trained from her, and bated of her own and due benevolence, three quarters, at least, of every whole yeare, for almost twenty yeares together. Besides, to aggravate the long tyranny she hath endured in that kinde or nature, she hath to sundry persons desperately sworn and vowed to returne no more (like a loyall and obedient wife) without her man to wait on his old Maher for redemption of his former neglects and escapes, within

within his first covenant, without a livery of two Laces behind and before, as the Clerke of the Markers man, proudly and reproachfully taunted some of the Justices of the peace in Cornwall, as also (not long since) nearer hand at London. But wot you the reason (courteous reader) of so fuddaine and strange alteration of late betwixt me and my wife; my associat in office and fellow Clerke, it is (may it please you) as well double as doubtfull, the one, if her husbands rurall office with its rustique authoritie, should rise in judgement against her and her minion, for their joynt corrupt or indirect making the slave away at an under value, without her husbands privities; being his sole and onely substance; then albeit the office never returne more ih *statu quo*, &c. she is sure of a more loving husband in posse, then ever the present, or preter imperfect tense, of her Verbe could yet decline; or indeed ever meanes hereafter, in her husbands well appoyned new female schoolehouse, in the Latine (or lackwits) tongue especially. A second reason may be inferred (*ex causazibz*) for apt and seeming complaint with her husbands purpose and laudable designe in present agitation, to teach the young Damells and Gentlewomen (boarding schollers in her husbands house) to write true English or French in a bastard Romane hand, herself having so long time approved his character to be very legible, and so contiguous to discipline and good nurture of Pupils (or rather

puppets) that in very deed, she can hardly (though her lame husband may still if he list) be well or ill understood without him. Neverthelesse, dread not you, my tender, innocent, and feminine schollers, let not the thought of these disasterous times, or triviall suggestions affright you, nor your indulgent or timerous parents; for I have undertaken next under the Almightye) the sole tuition and safe protection of every one of you, and am steadfastly purposed to trust neither of them (him or her, nor any other of their party or confederates) with any your writing tackles, much lesse any other instruments of your discipline, mine own pen (I praise God, how ever depraved by them and their complices onely) hath yet incke and vertue enough to supply some particular defects of my hired teachers (beside superintendency) to guide your right hands to the untainted paper of chaste integritie and sinceritie of life and example; while both your interiall and extetiall faculties are severally exercising their severall functions and operations by turne and course, assiduously pursuing those ends and exigents, for which you came, and particularly your parents acquire, and your selves hope and aspire unto; whereof I purpose (for the publike good, as for my owne and childrens better subsistence) according to a more succinct subscription & description, God assisting by my selfe and others, to be a vigilant and sedulous professor; and therefore by this succeeding letter no, adiudic to certaine booke brieft  
brieft,

breefe, or intimation, I referre the well desposed,  
to try if they lust,

*And then conferre trust,  
Who (hence with all) must  
Returne to his dust,  
Thence rise with the just----One to live with  
Him for evermore, Amen.*

**T**Here is lately erected, within a private, healthfull, and pleasant house, situate in Kingstone upon Thames, in the County of Surrey, a private Schoole or Nursery, for the generall education of female youth only, at, or from the age of eight yeares, or thereabouts, with all convenient and delightfull appurtenances therunto belonging, and therewithall provided of men and women, expert, as well for the teaching of Latine, French, and writing by Letters and Cyphers, as also for other Morall, Civill, and Religious discipline, with the teaching of sundry sorts of Needle-worke, Tent-worke, or the like, Musicall instruments, and Dancing. If any person of what estate or degree soever, be therunto disposed, may have their daughters placed, boarded, and taught, at, and for answerable rates or rents, *per annum*; and shall be also therewithall daily supplyed (with much safety and security) by other needfull and fruitfull accomoda-tions.

*Per me, Ben: Agar.*



An humble Remonstrance to the Honourable house  
of Commons assembled in Parliament, for the fur-  
therance and establishment of a necessary and lauda-  
ble designe in hand for the publique good, but hi-  
therto much hindered, molested, and impeached, by  
an ungracious Obstacle of an adulterate and shame-  
lesse wife, &c.

**I**n which disasterous and untimely accident,  
the husband of the foresaid wife retiring him-  
selfe within his house, since the beginning of  
October last; at which time this Authors wife  
wilfully departed from her husband and children  
to follow her man, they both yet conspiring a-  
gainst the husband; nevertheless to avoid dis-  
content, or fatal despaine (the issues of her desire)  
the husband hath spent his time since, in the com-  
posure of these severall Tracts, ready prepared  
for the Presse; the severall arguments and con-  
tents whereof hereafter more amply ensueth: viz.  
Wherein some persons may conceive and finde,  
The various explications of perplexed minds, viz.  
the honest and true life of Mr. John Milton (y)

The sundry and severall arguments particula-  
rized in Prose and Meeter.                                   viz.

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1. A Swarne of Bees fittet and provided  
the Hive of Prophesies and Predictions, The  
logicall and Morall, concerning sundry events  
to be expected in the last Ages of the world; with  
other smaller Tracts, and Discourses, both in  
Prose and Verse, profitable and delightfull to be  
knowne; together with sundry Apothegmes col-  
lected from King James his Table-talke in his  
life time, both in *England* and *Scotland*, since his  
happy accessse to the Cowne of *England*. &c.

## Item.

**F**or Morall honest; and for mangrell wife,  
For other things belonging to this life. viz.  
For Wit, or Wisedome, or such sublimer things,  
Which cumber life below, which hang on supreame stringes.  
For man and wife (Assises ought be bad)  
Reciprocall invectives, as well for good as bad; viz.  
First, Whorish women, and their exultations,  
To quit them quaintly, scelot accusations;  
For Meer-maids sile, and subtle temptations,  
Their privy tisements, and dangerous insinuations.  
Their Crocodiles teares, and Syrens adulterations.  
For table-talk, to help maintaine discourse,  
Some for the better sort, some vultens for the warfering sort  
For Prophesies, and their nice explications; and in hand of  
So visions, dreames, and their quick explications,  
By various wayes, doubtlesse interpretations.  
For godly solace, and such contemplations  
Some pithy confort, devout, shone ejaculations  
Some sacred vowe, and pious meditations  
For Churches foes, some Christian imprecations:

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be like for friends, with aolefull invocations,  
Some Psalmes inverted, meete for consolations,

8. Quaint soliloguies meete for nightes or dayes,  
Predictions calculate, for Churches holy wayes.

9. Some Dialogues, Anagrams, Epigrams, to raise  
A plot for enterludes, deserving Lawrell bayes.

10. An Embleme postur'd with a new disguise,  
To instruct the nits, perambulate more wife.

11. A microcosme explain'd in circular rime,  
For young and old to know, t' redeeme the time.

12. Some problems clos'd in letters, pen'd in proes,  
And such compos'd from exigents in woes,

13. And then againe, more fancies to disperse,  
Inverted proes into satyrique verse.  
For these and like, as th' author shall be able,  
(To make for good men) Wives more comfortable  
Againe (for bad wives) men more suspectable,  
Le ast both in th' end decline most despicable,  
Diseases festered, prove not incurable.  
Hence therefore dreame (for each) things profitable.  
Assizes due 'mongst all, all must appeare,  
Howso' ere disguis'd, or now baffled here,  
For Which performance all should be charitable,  
With prayers to God, and gestures answerable.

14. For due assize, that all be conformable,  
To men within, to beast without in stable.  
That such at least (When all have courst the round)  
For upright dealings may in Christ be found;  
So found in him, When God himselfe shall come,  
Each mortall may receive deserved doome.

All blessings flow from God alone,  
Thrice blessed three in one.

Amen.

To set forth all these tract's at once, to publike view,  
Cannot be brought to passe;  
But when for truthe (they all) shall prove as true,  
As cleare perspective glasse.  
Then render choyce and change to all, quaint straines of wit  
M' obtaine a publike prayse,  
As cause appeares abroad, give all some tast of it,  
May dolefull spirits raise.

Per me Ben. Agar. ]

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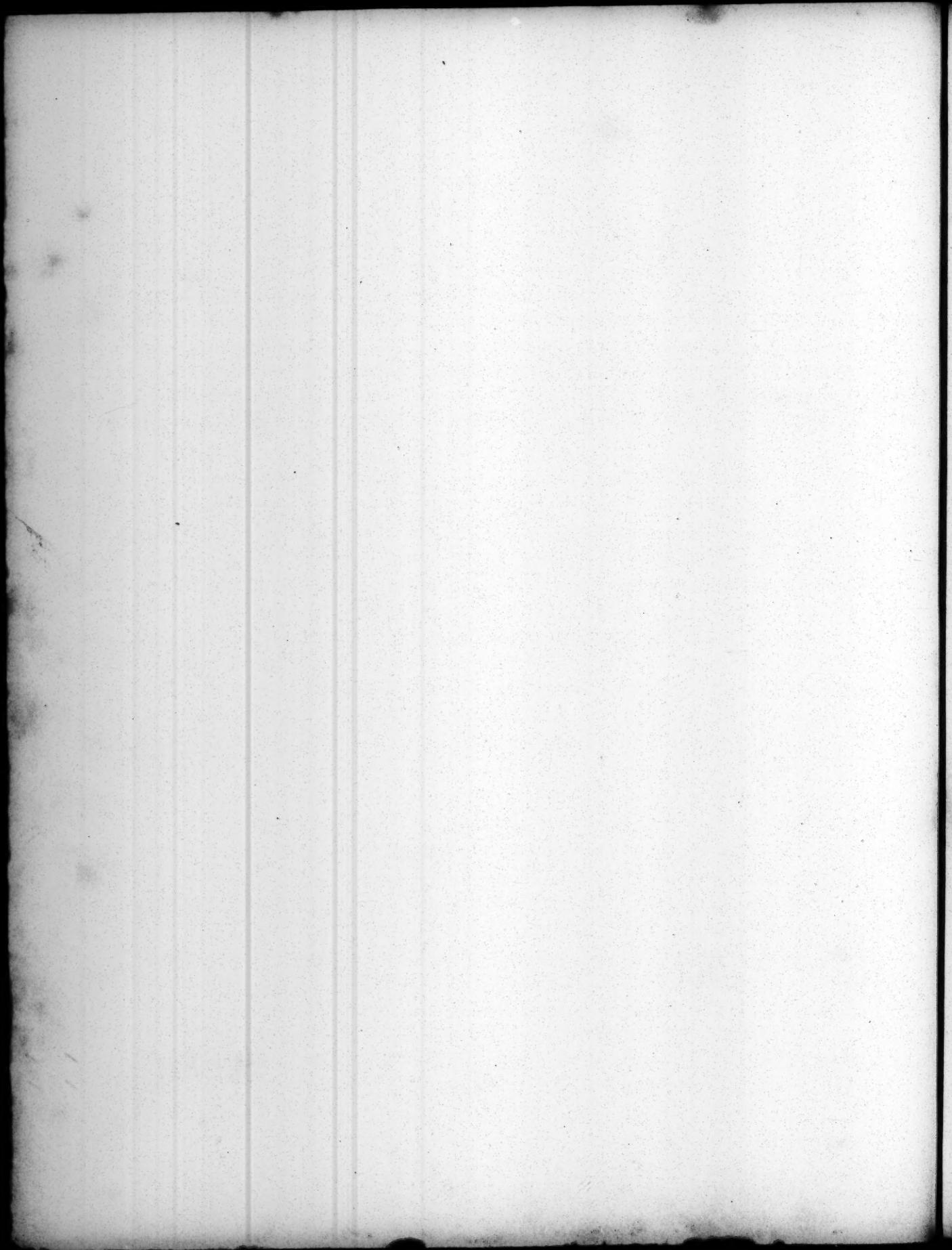
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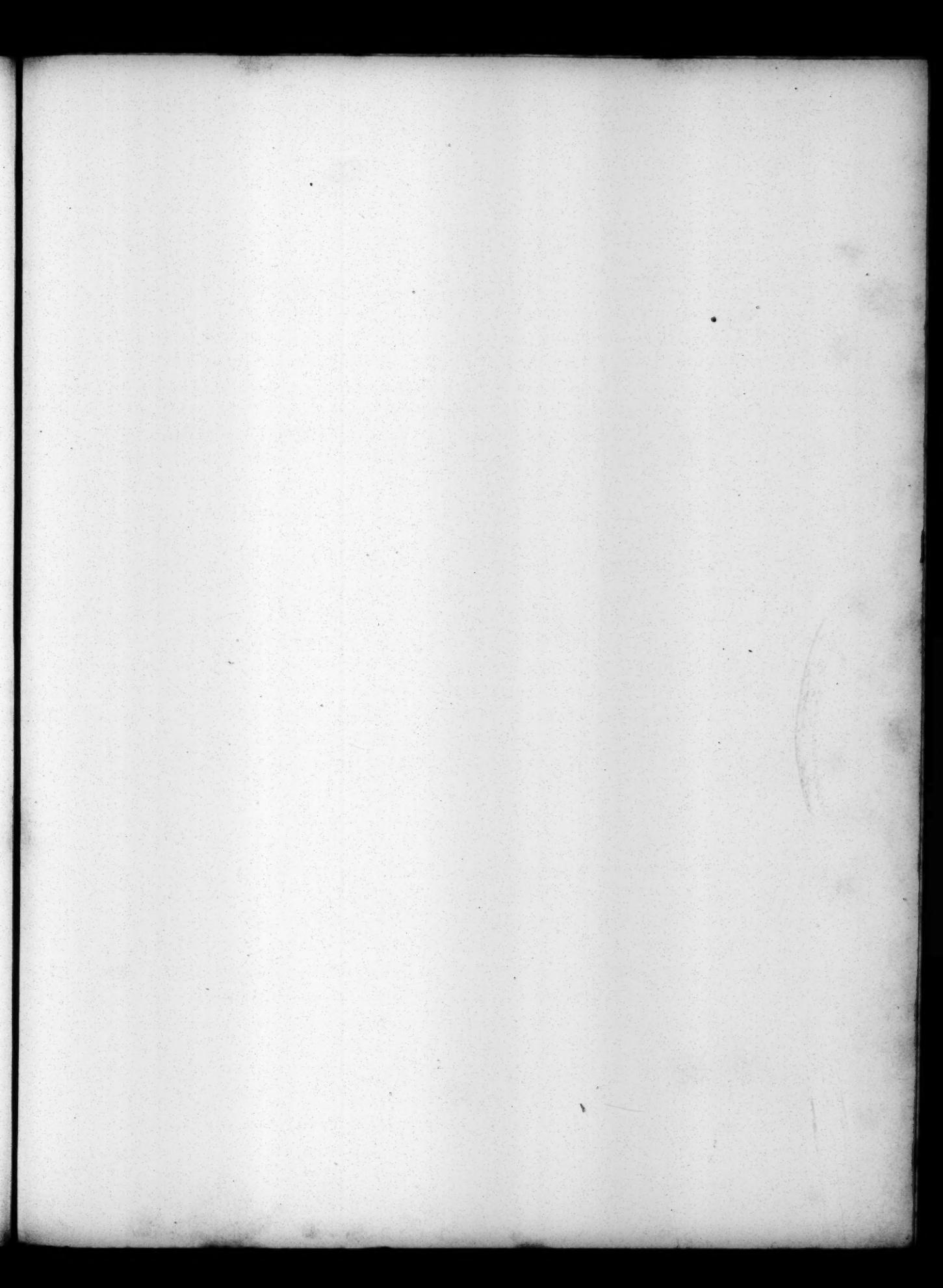
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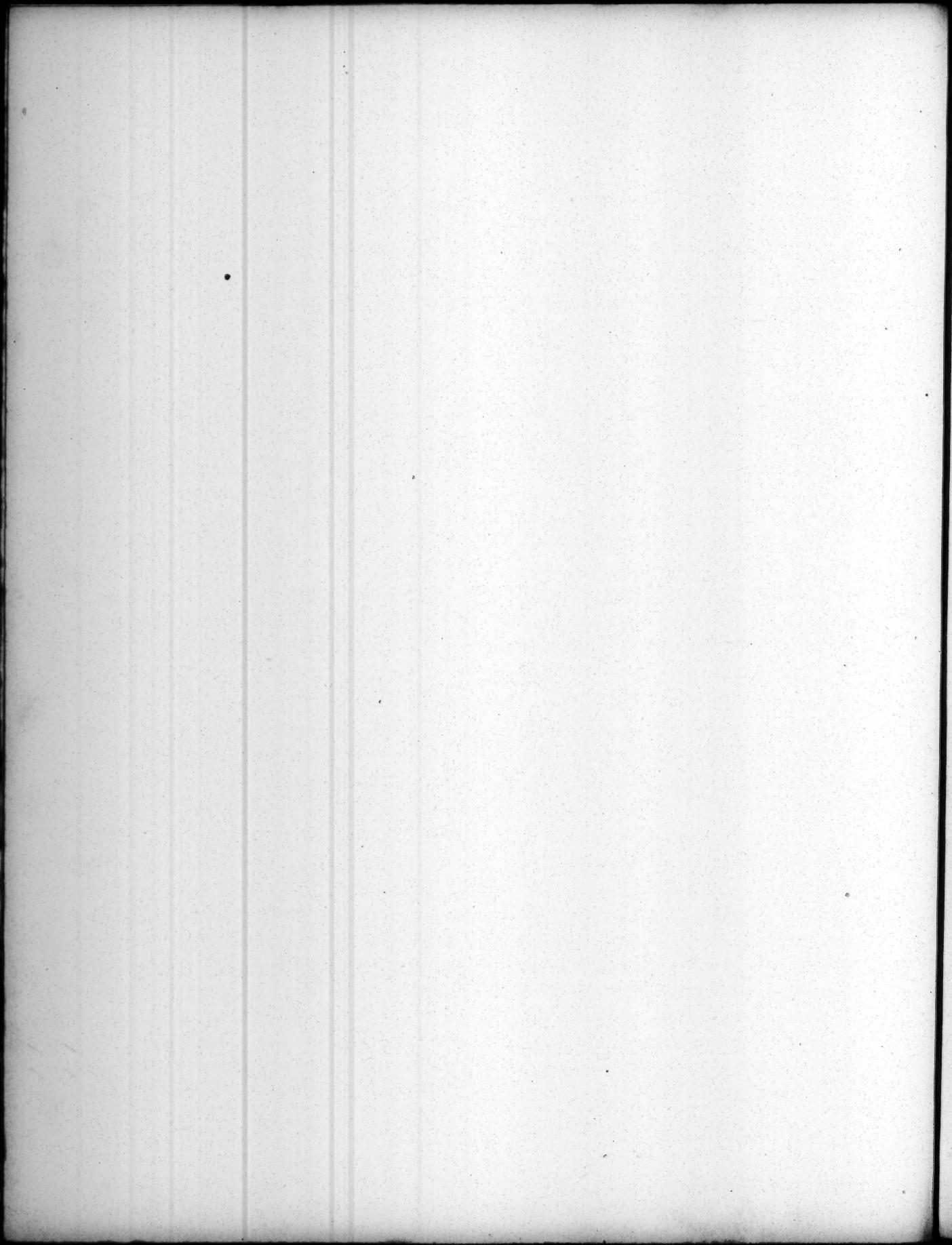
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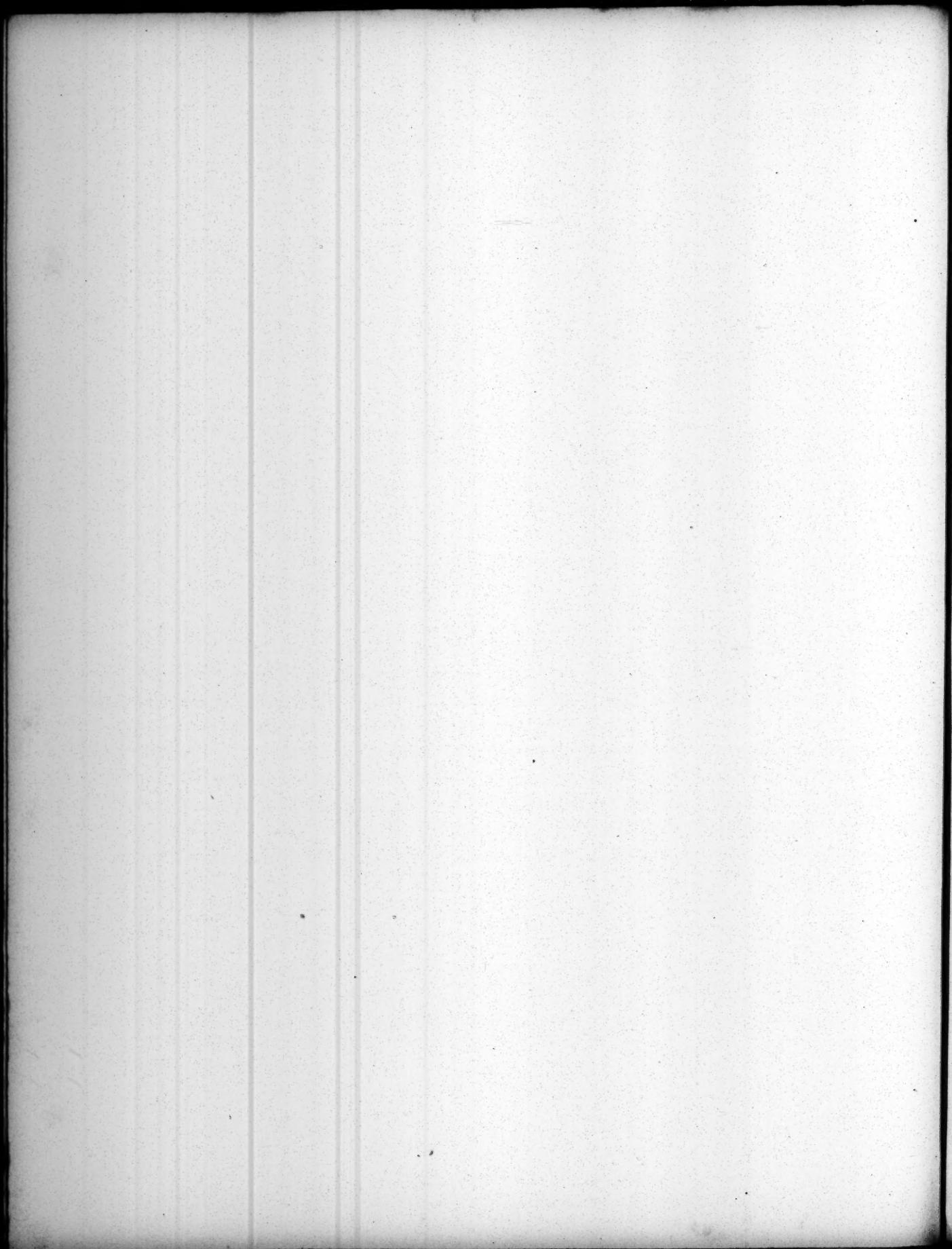


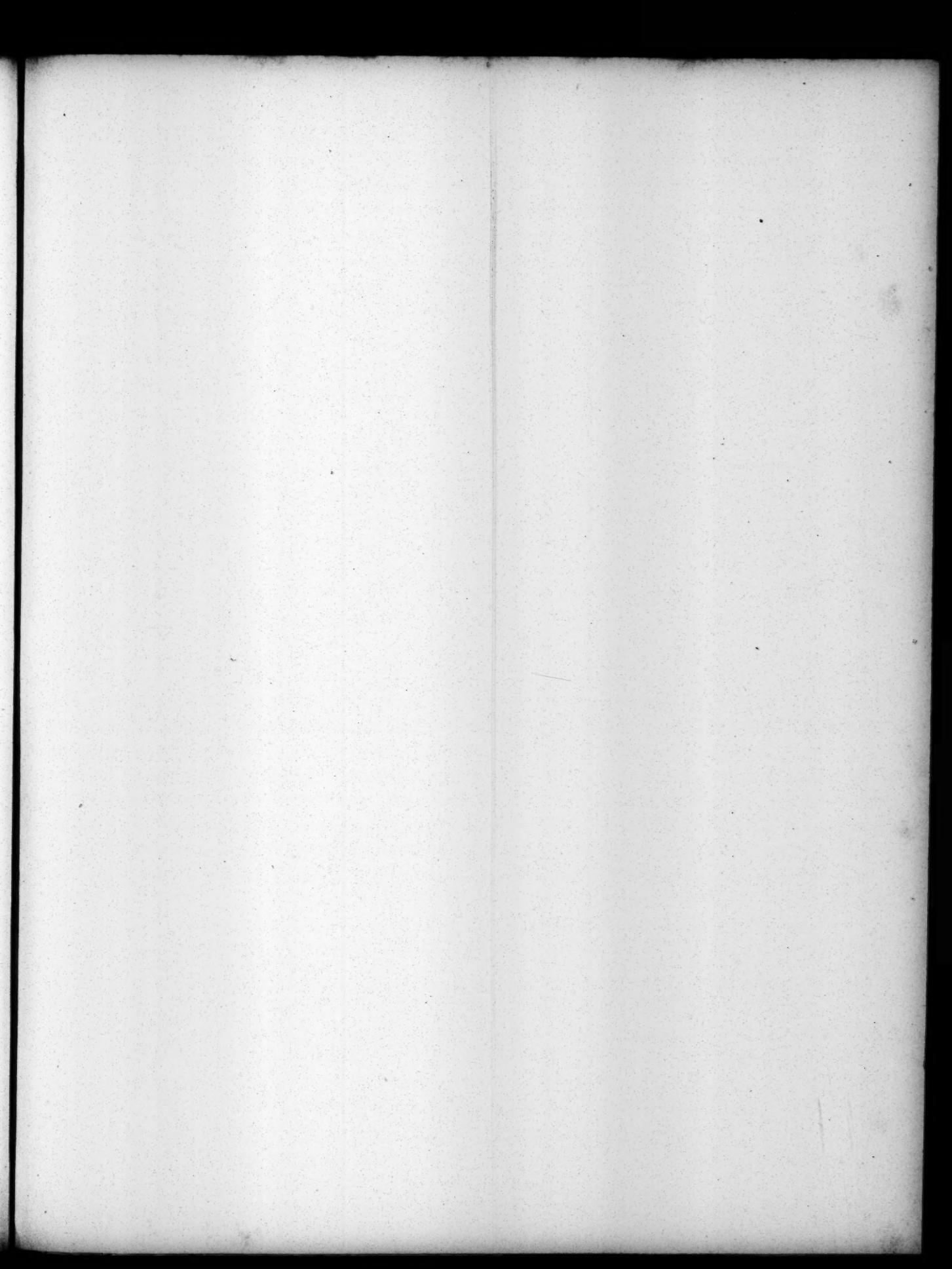


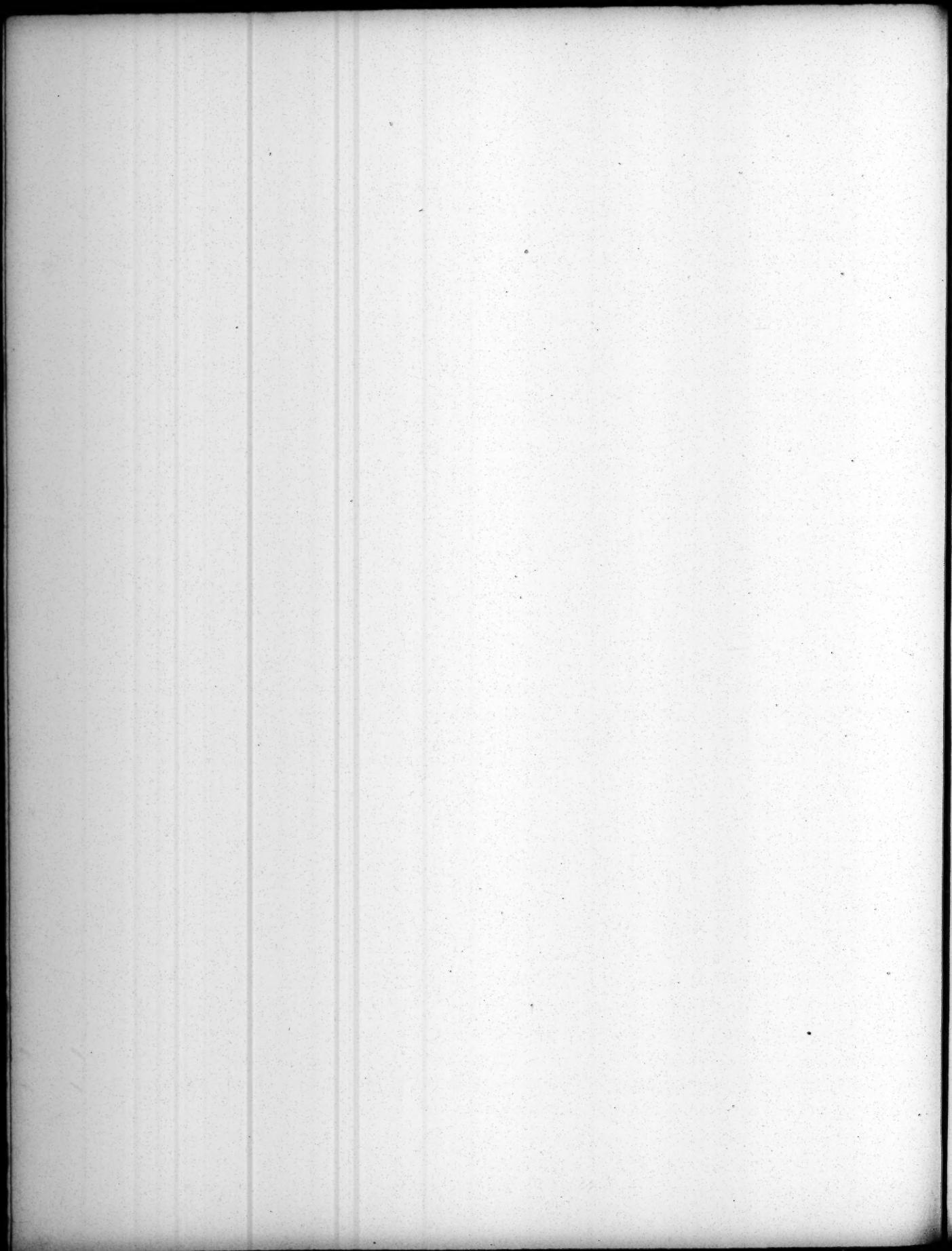


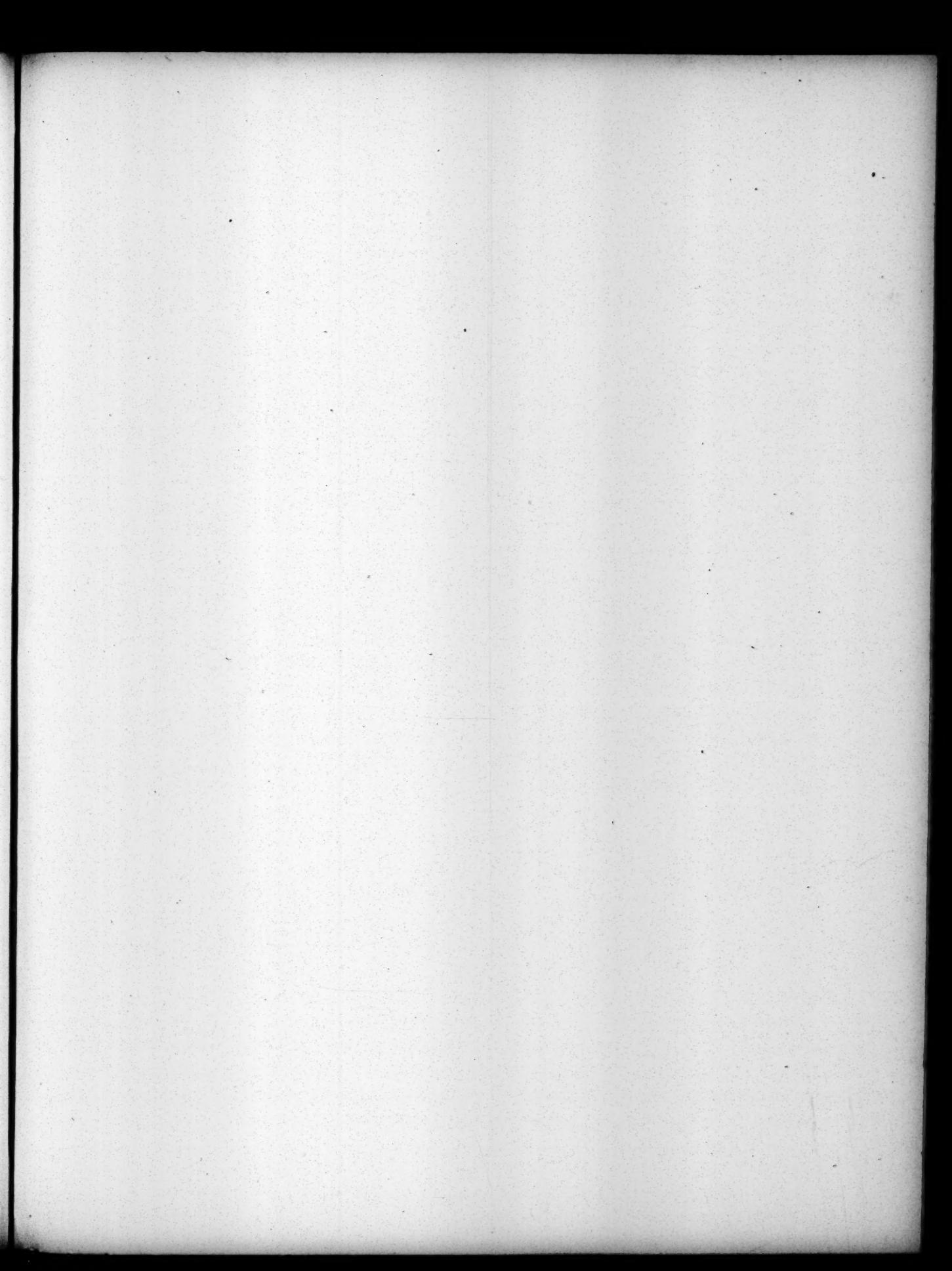


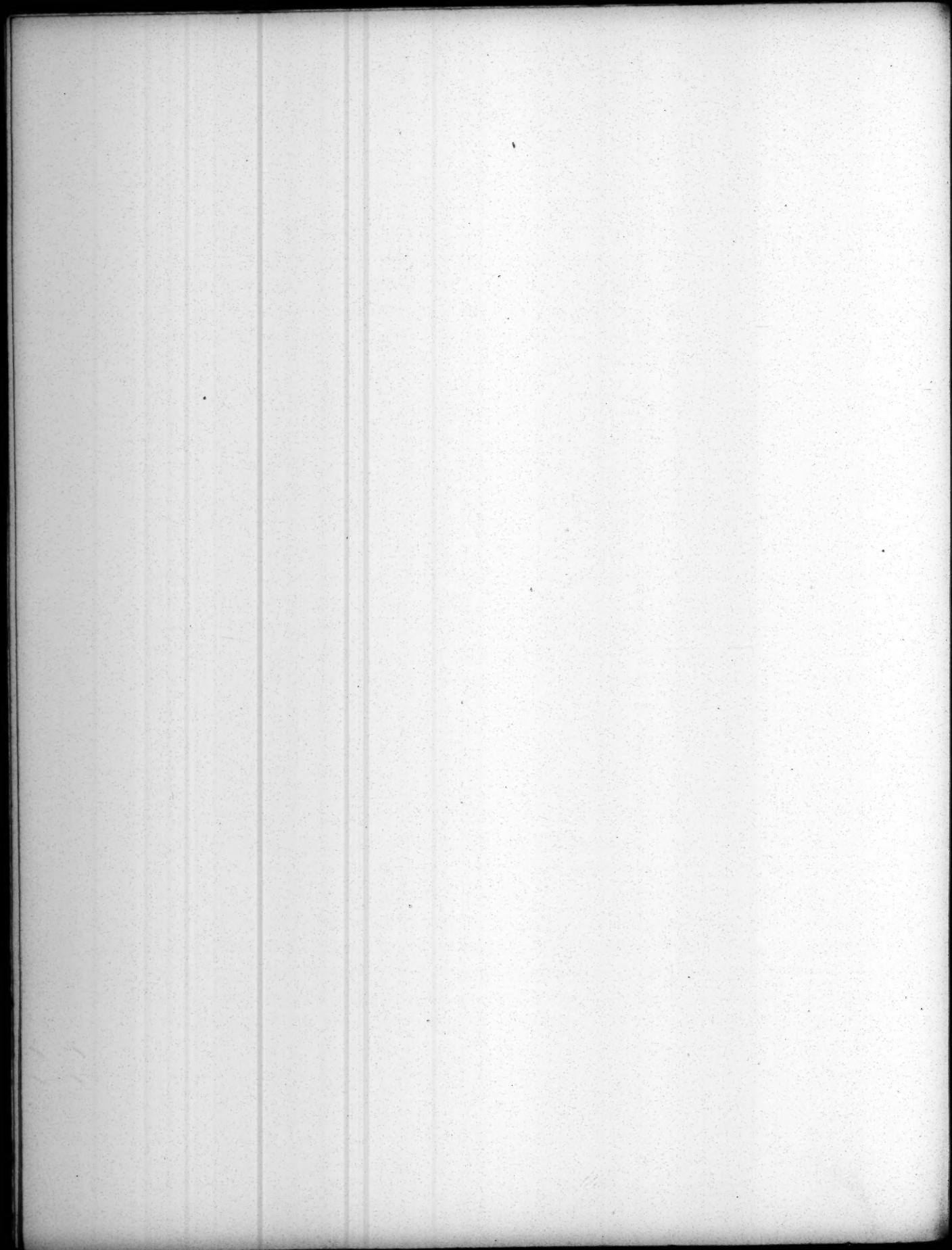


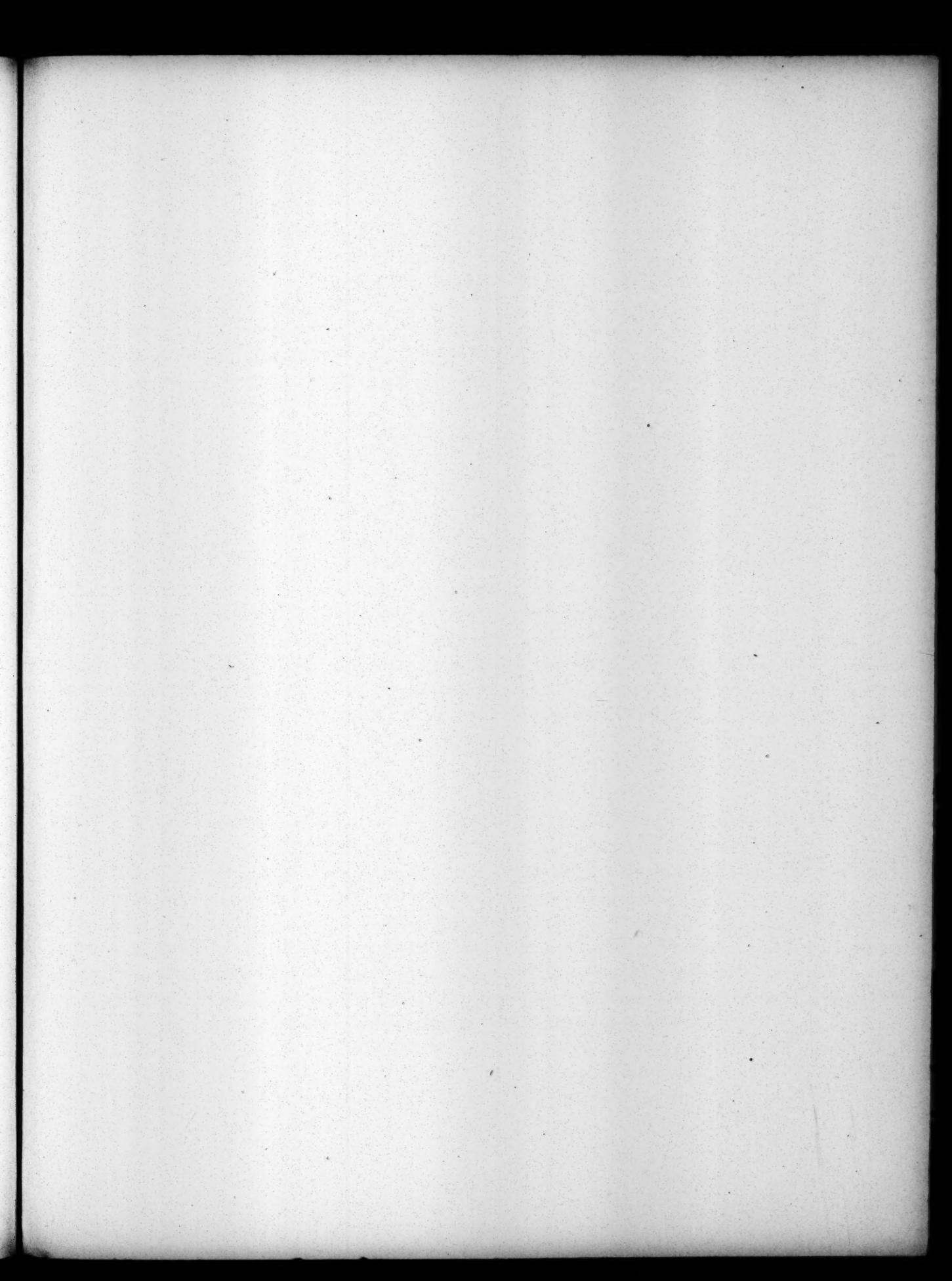


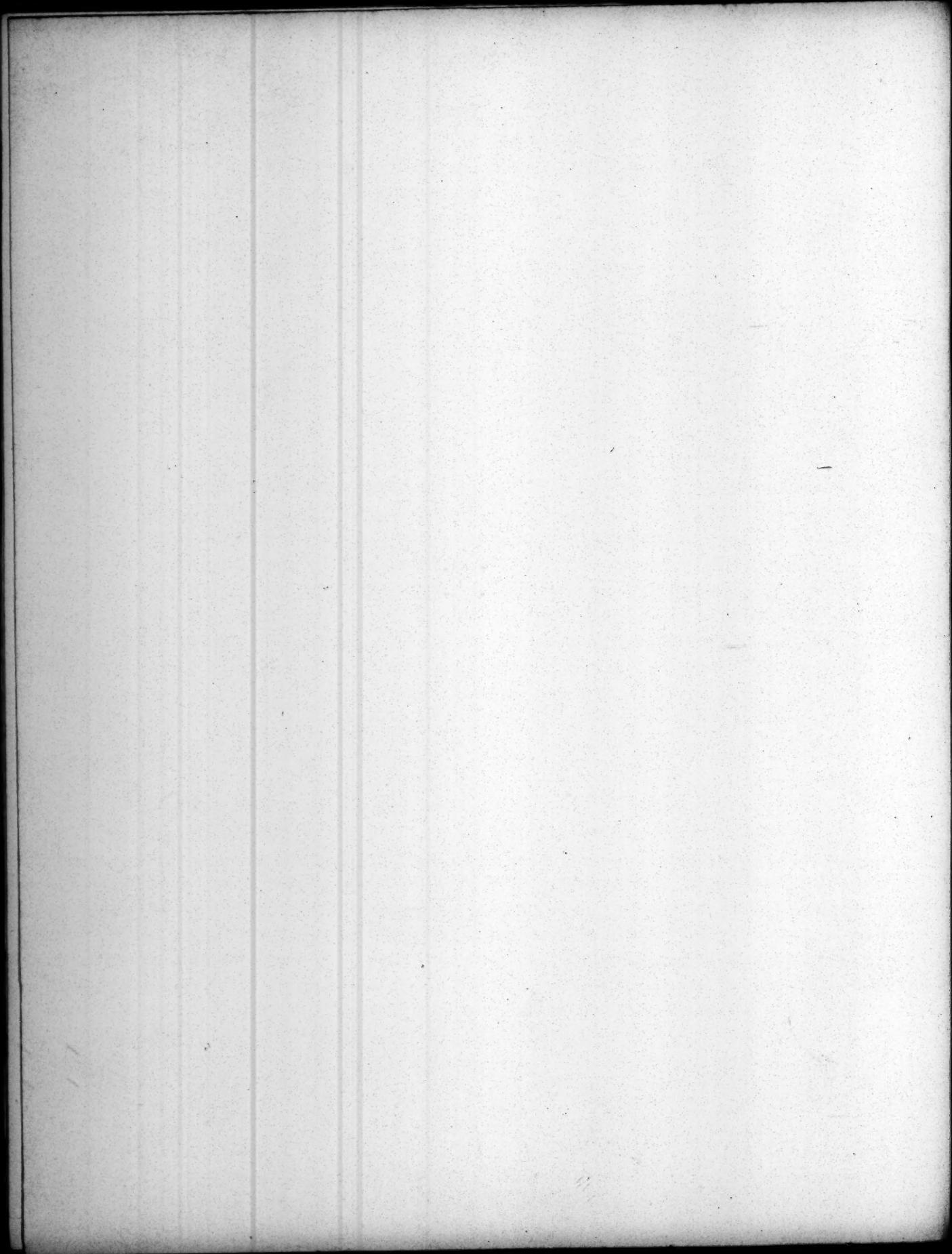


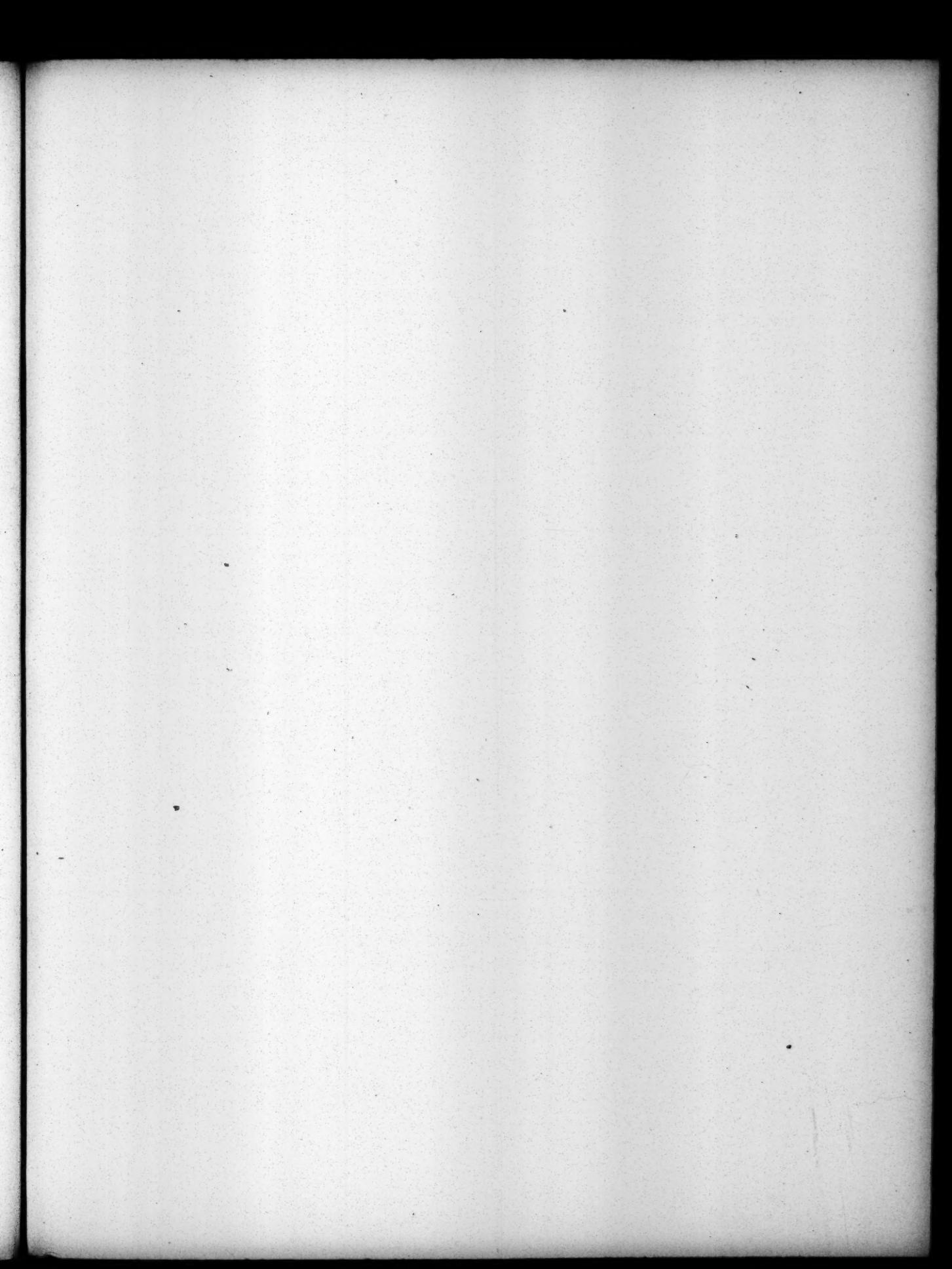


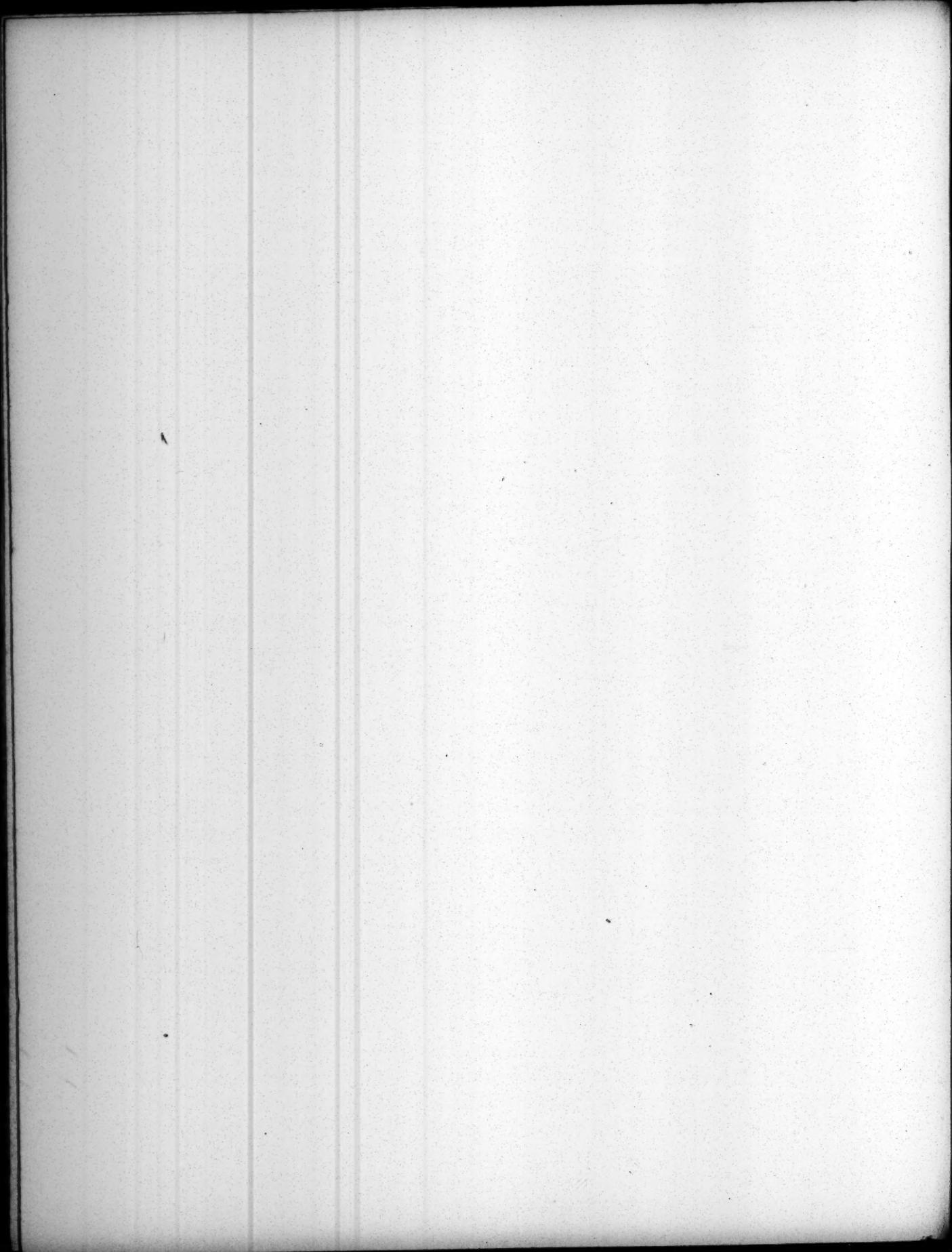


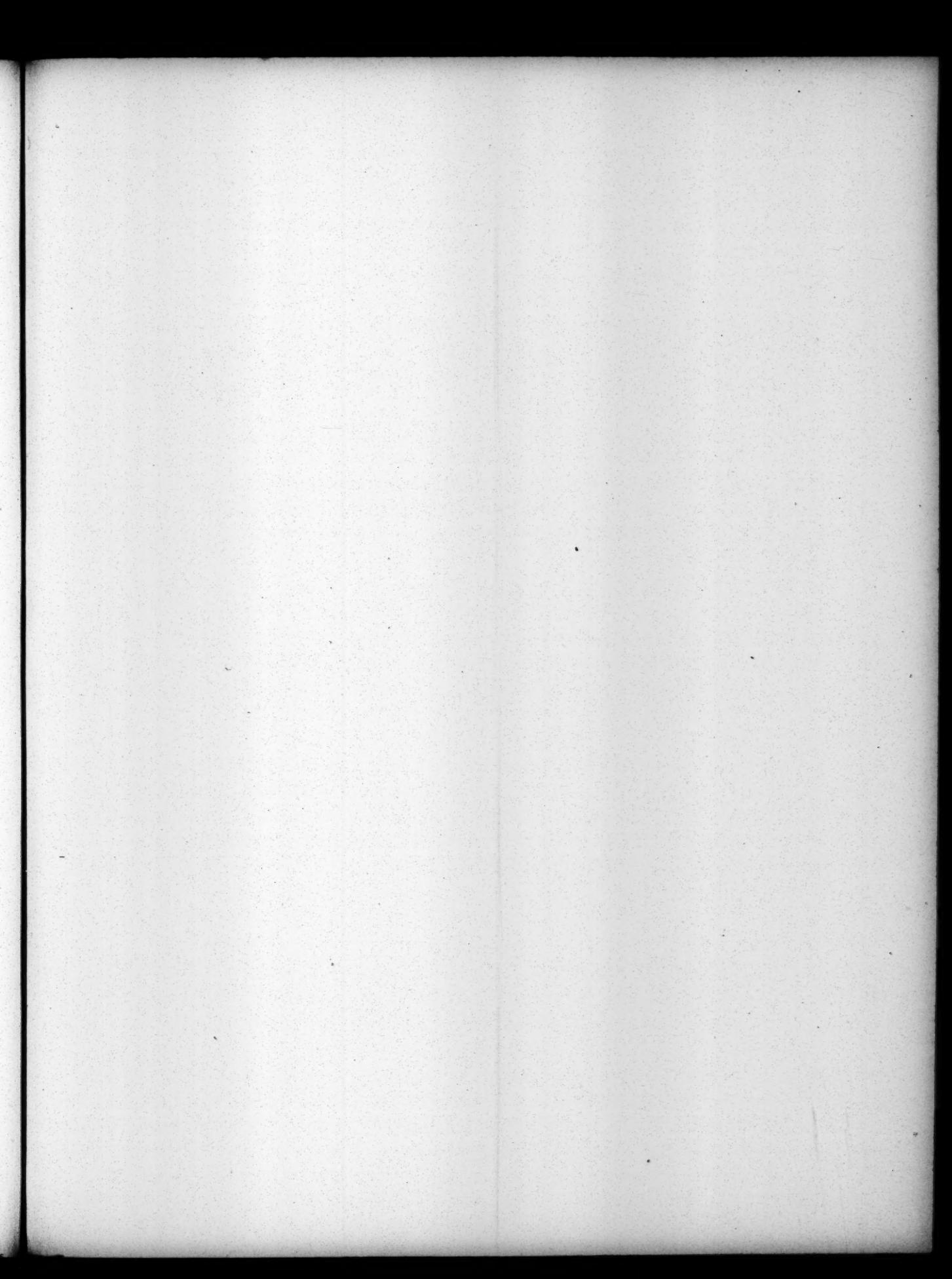


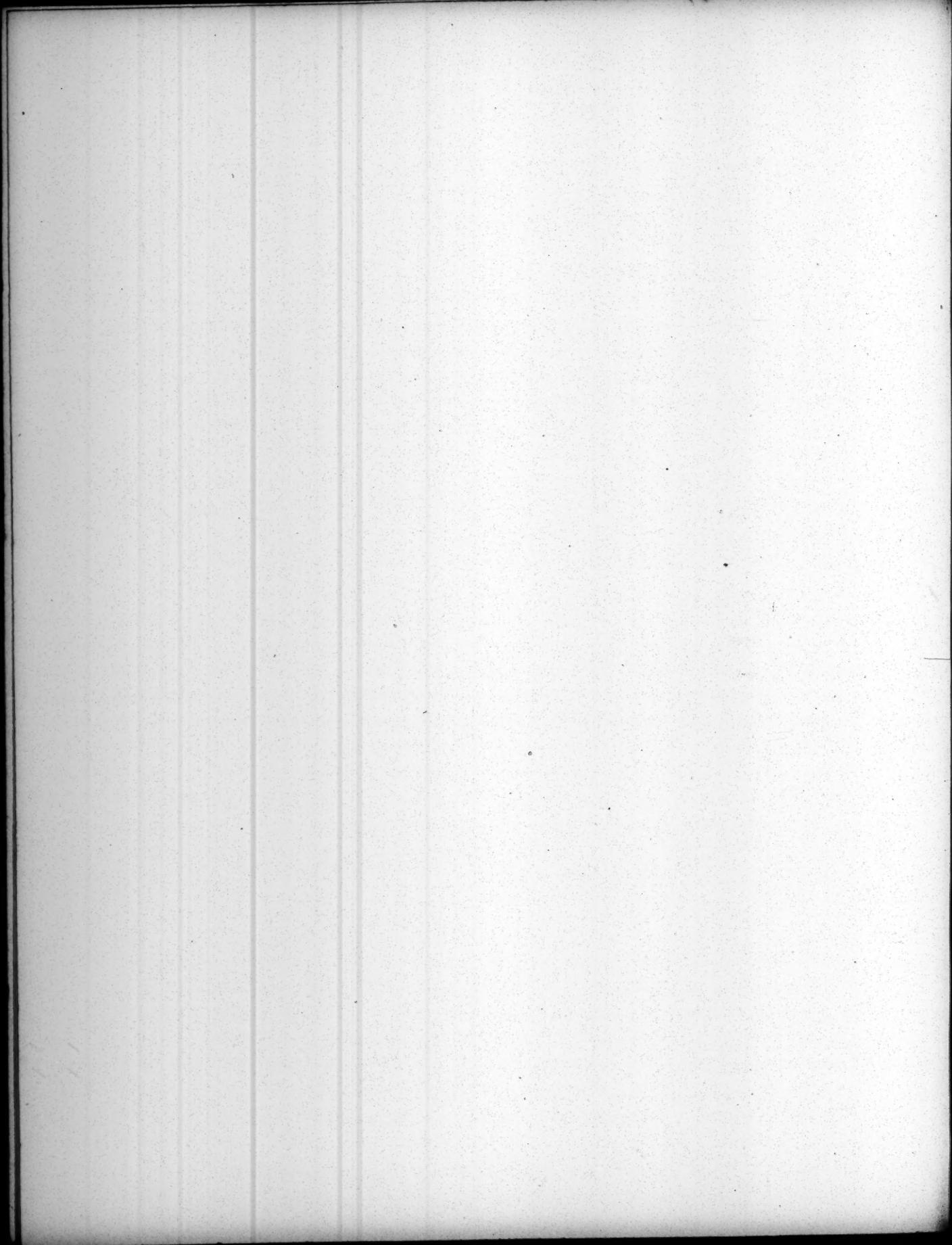


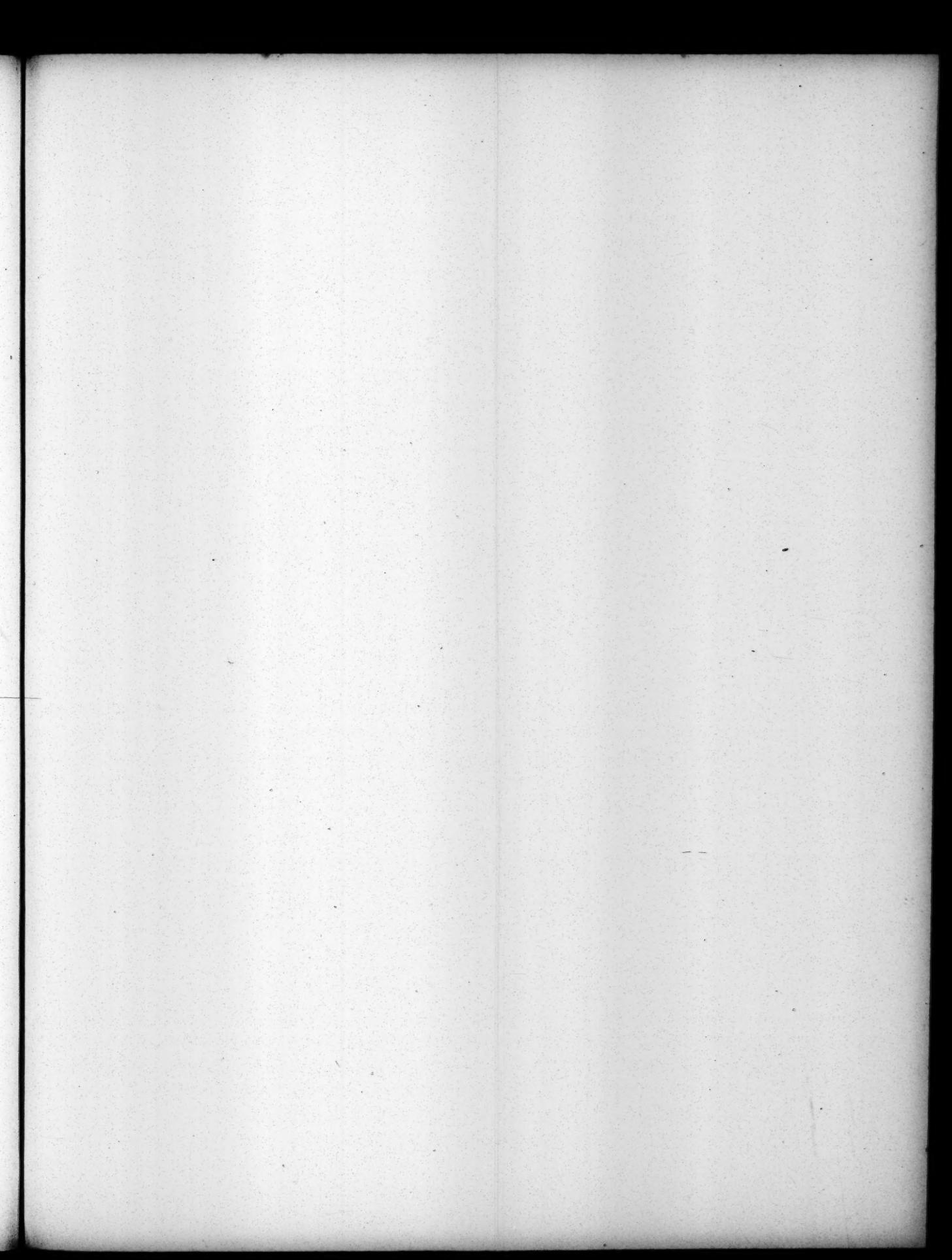


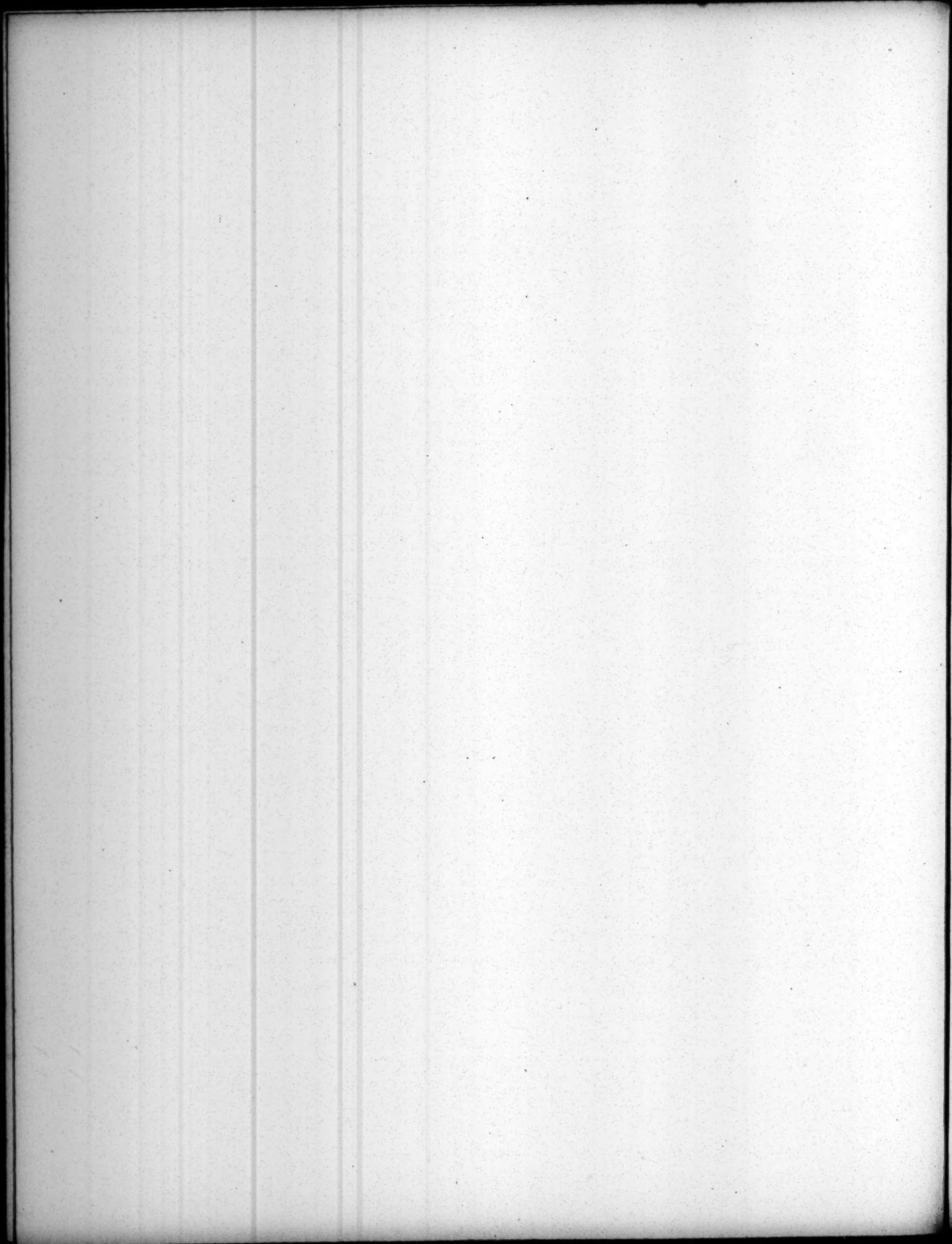


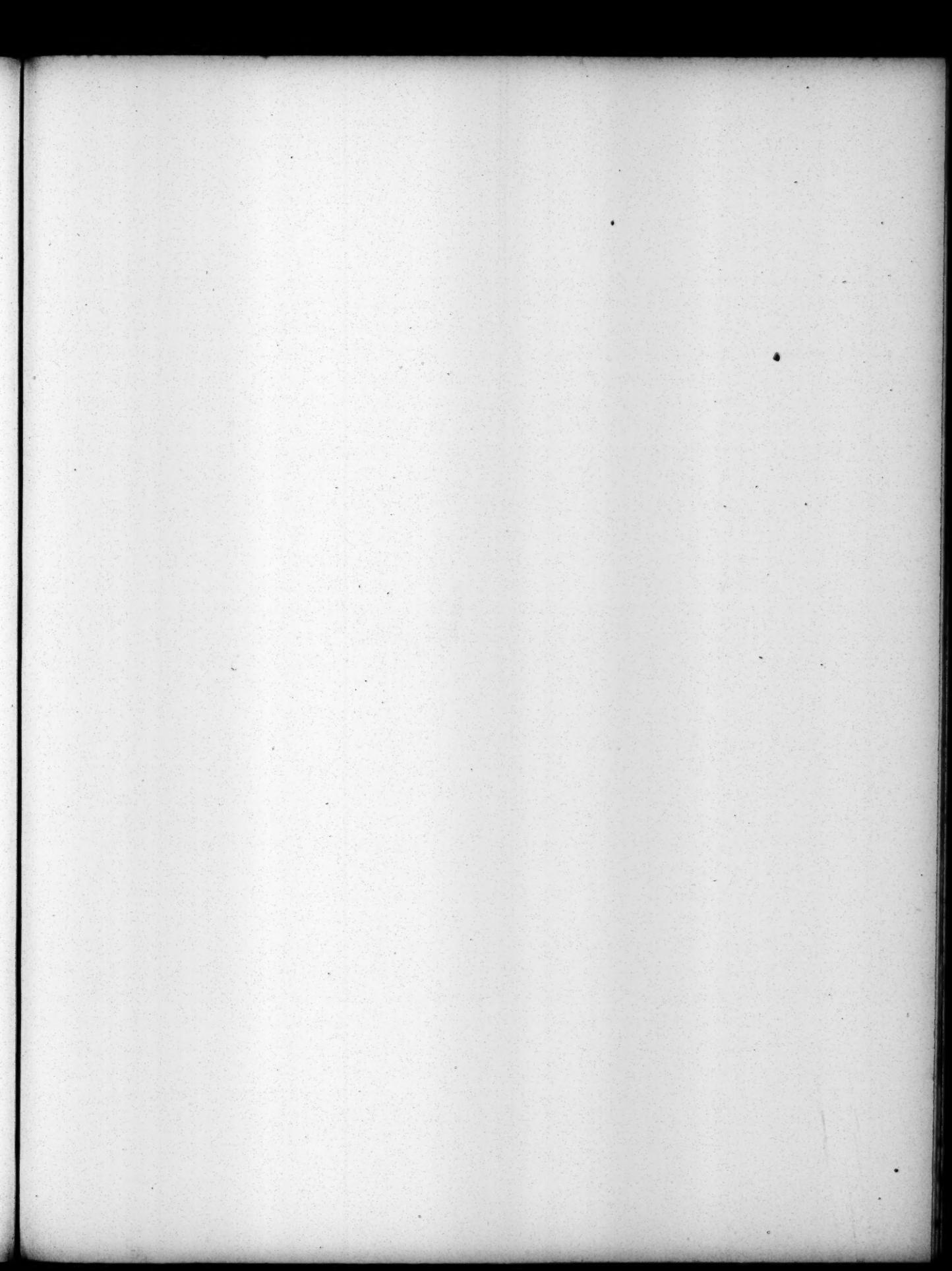


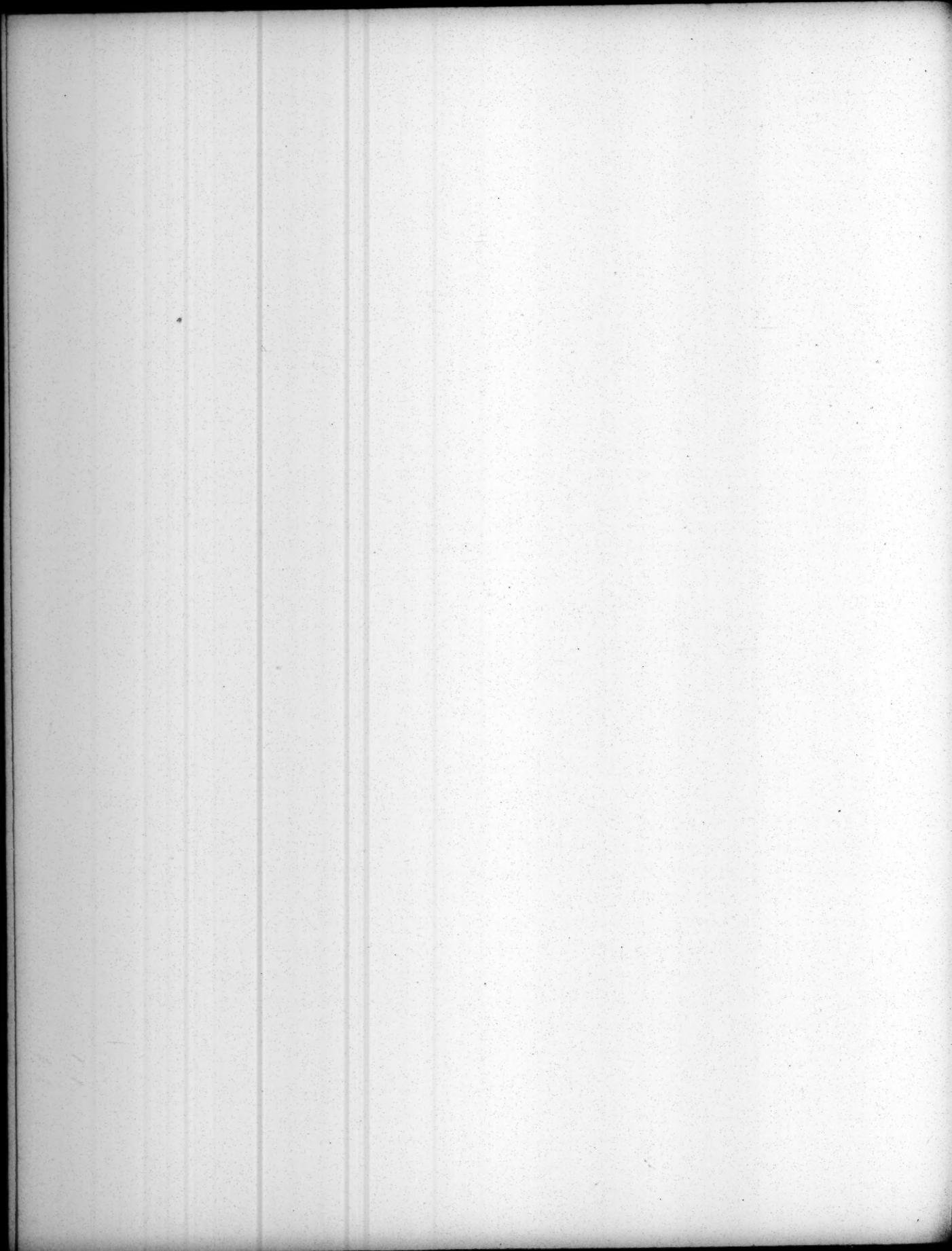


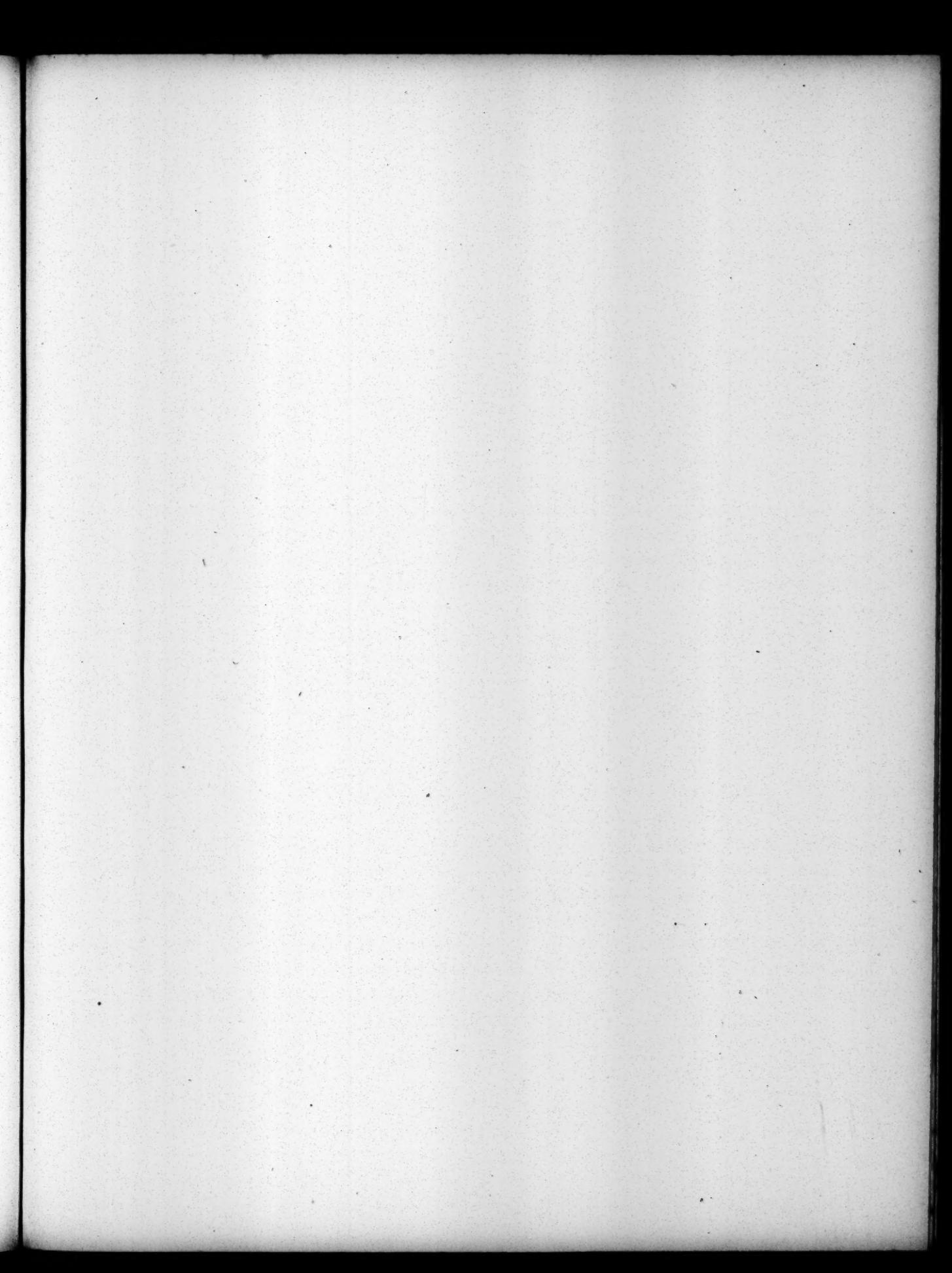


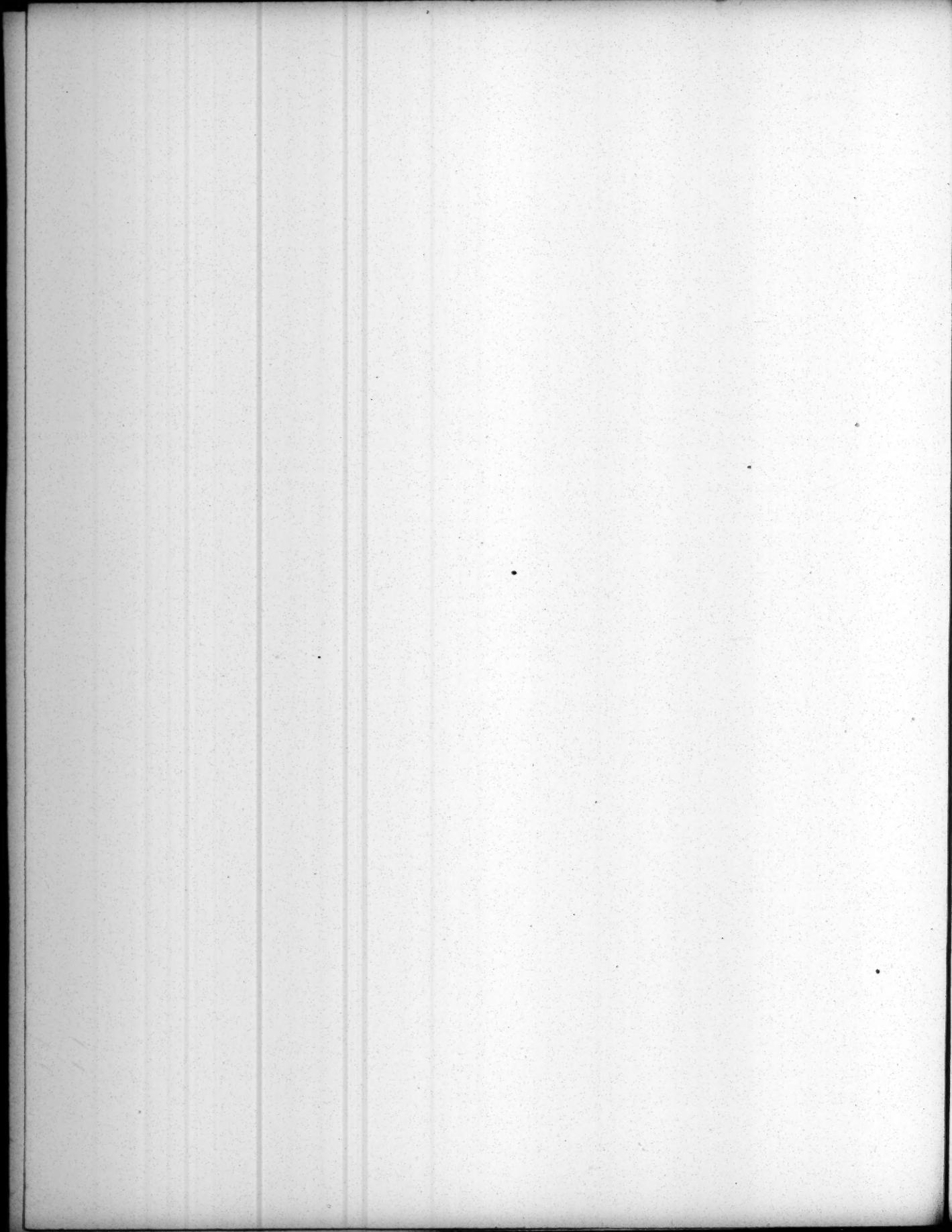




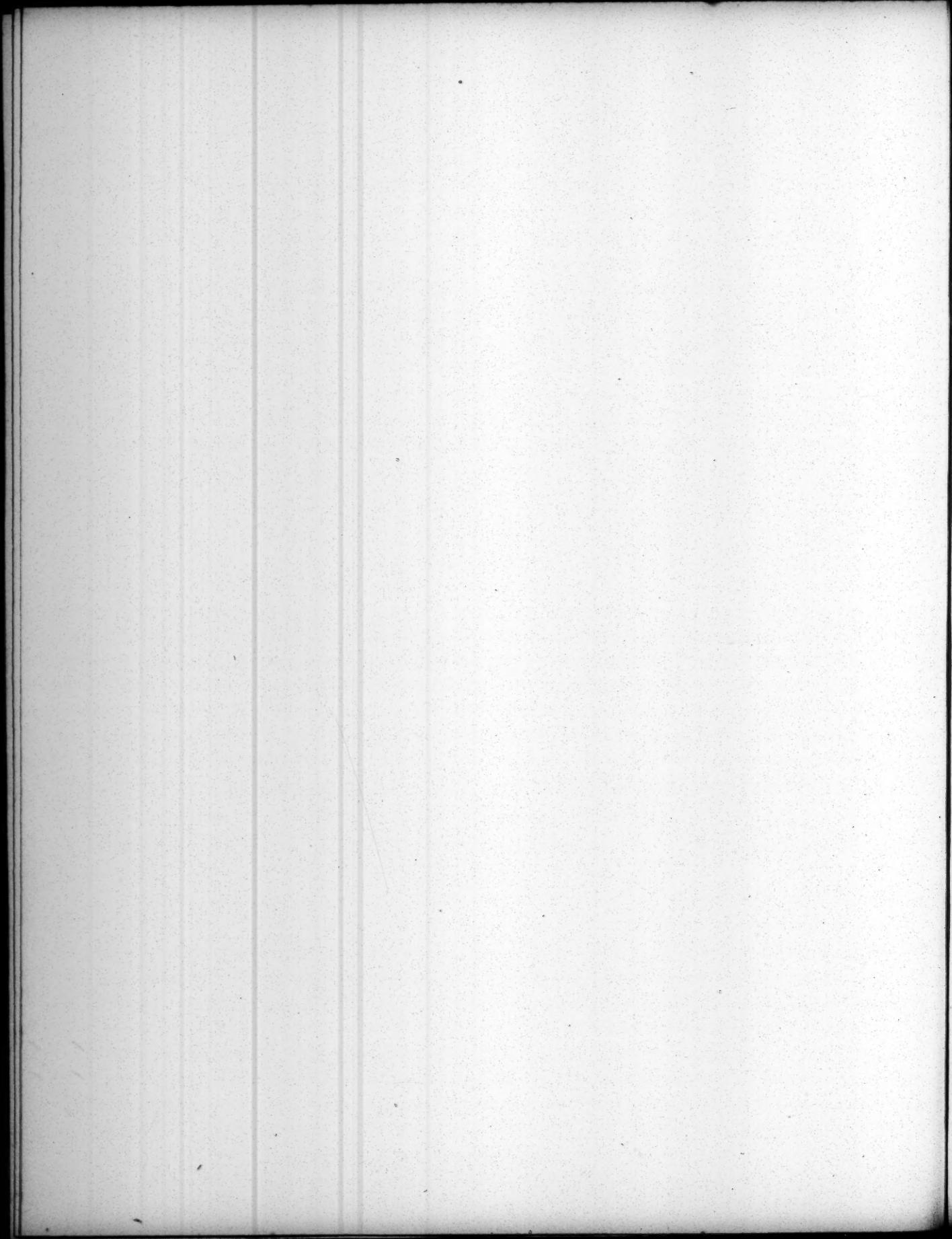




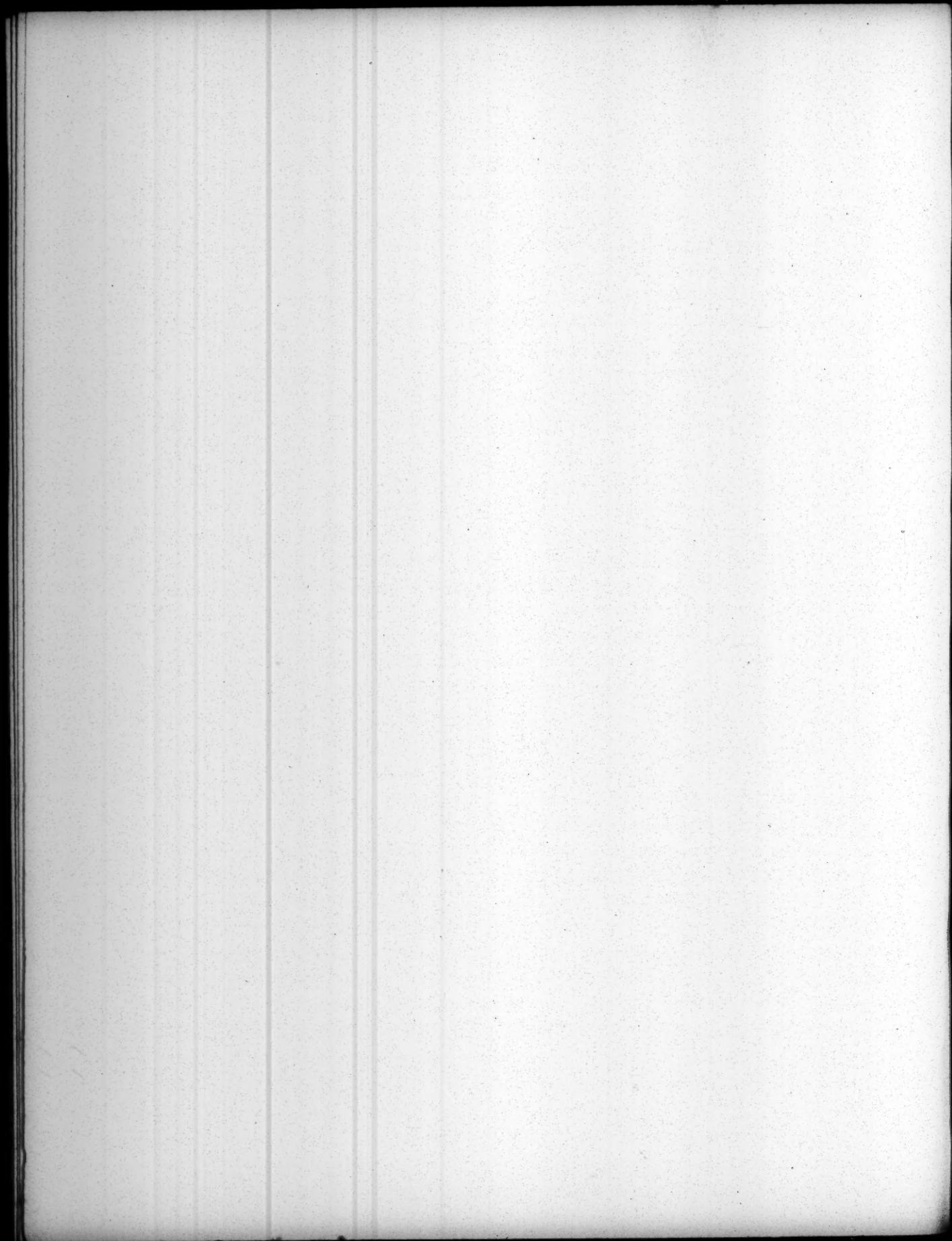


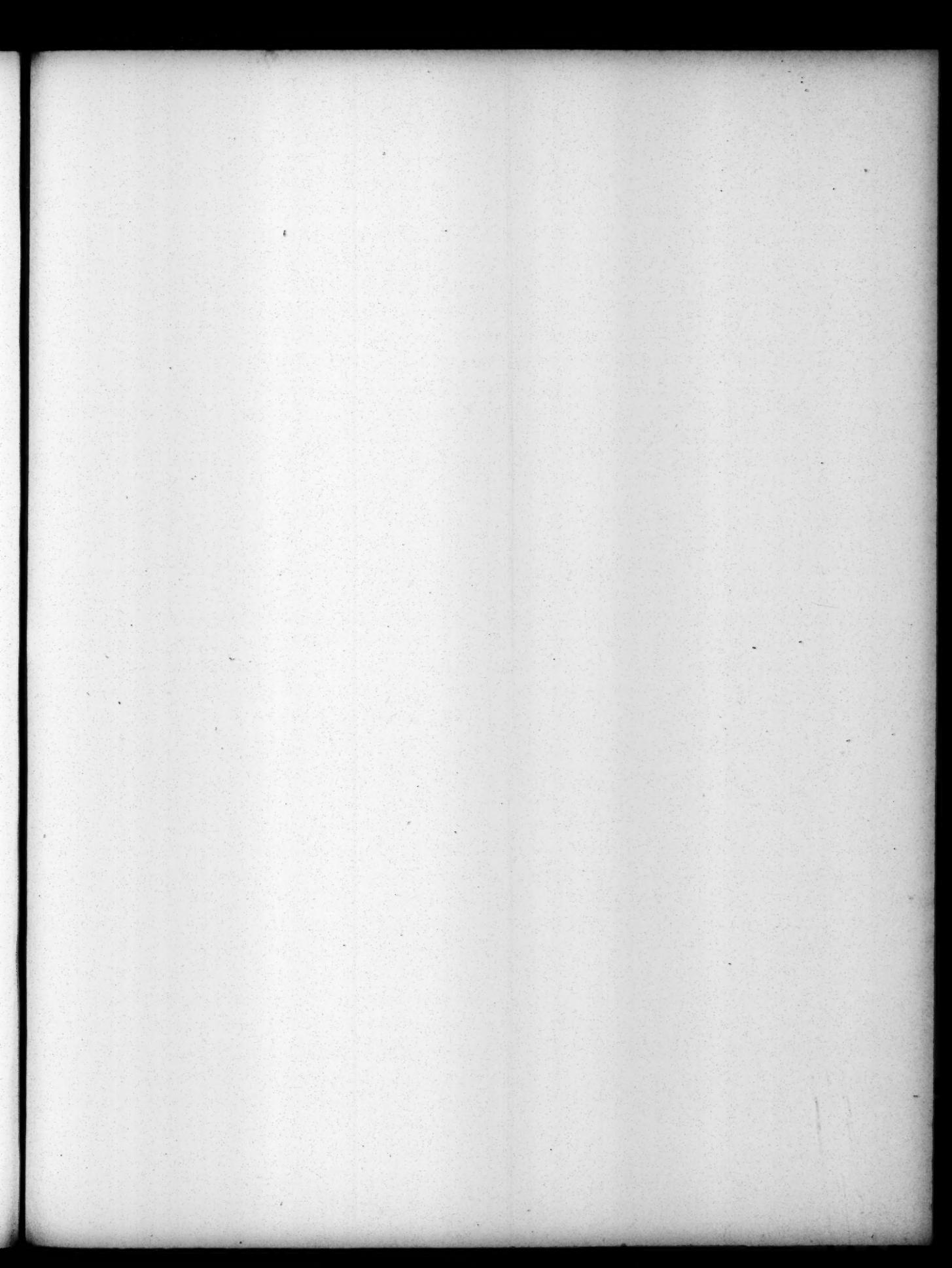


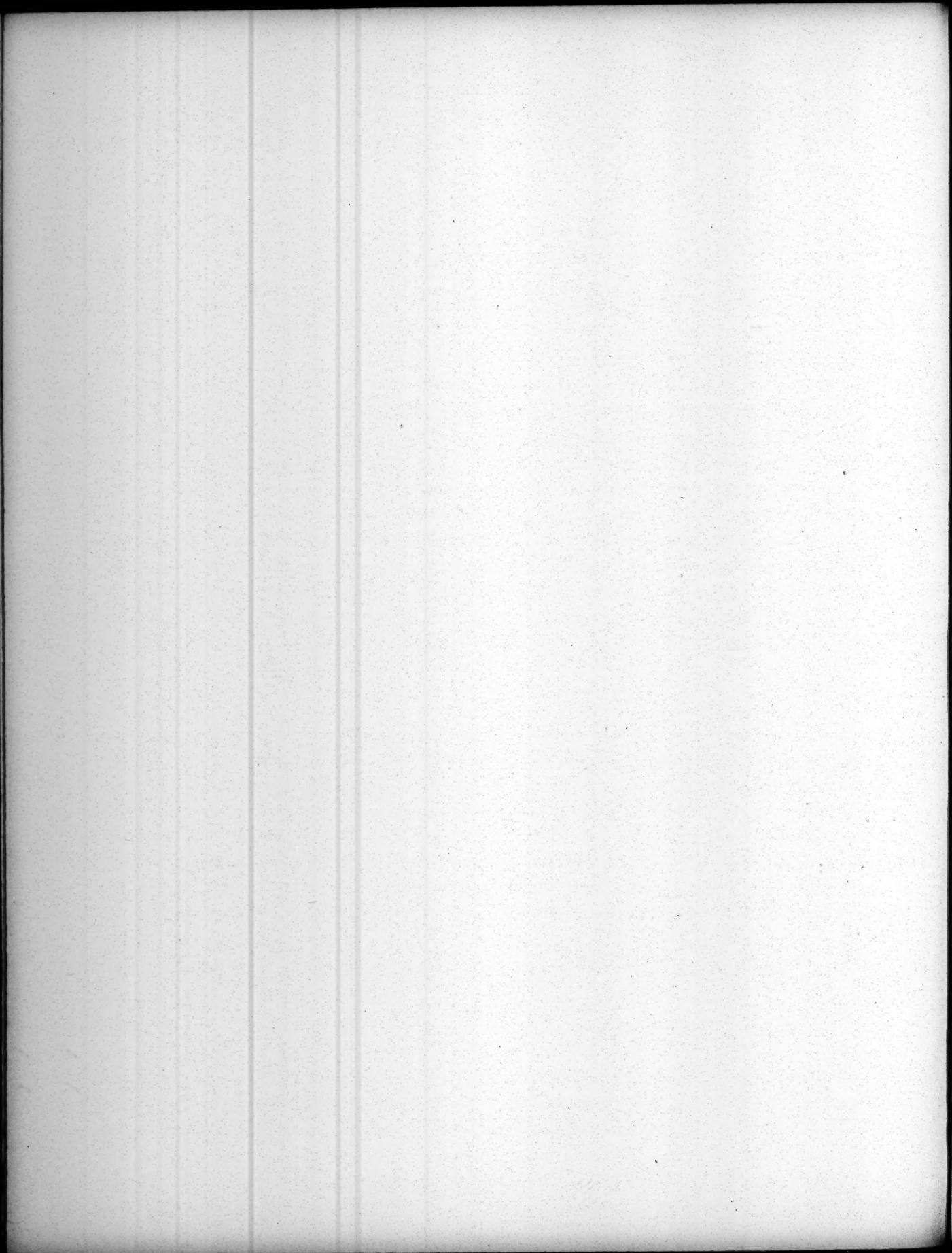


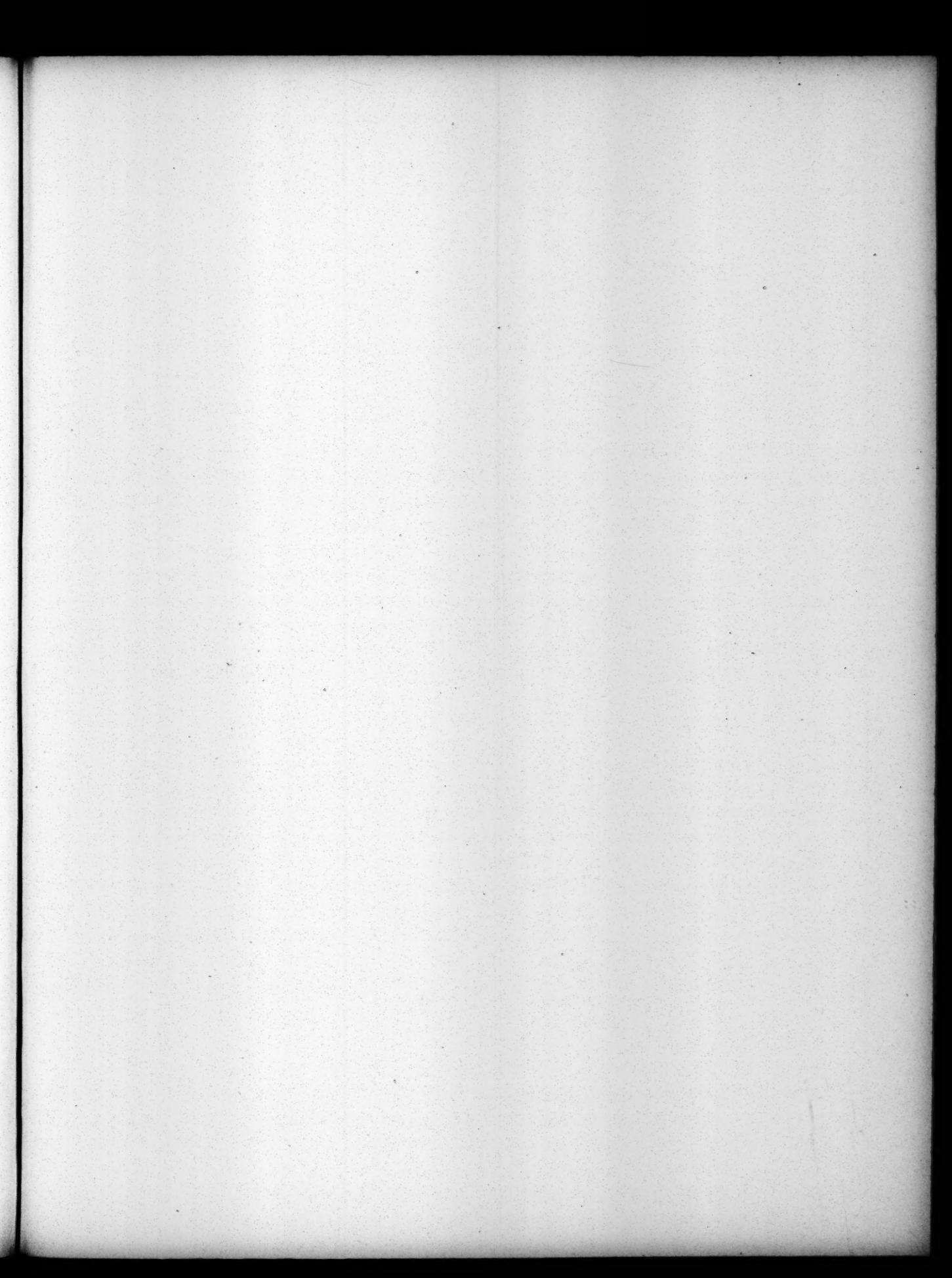


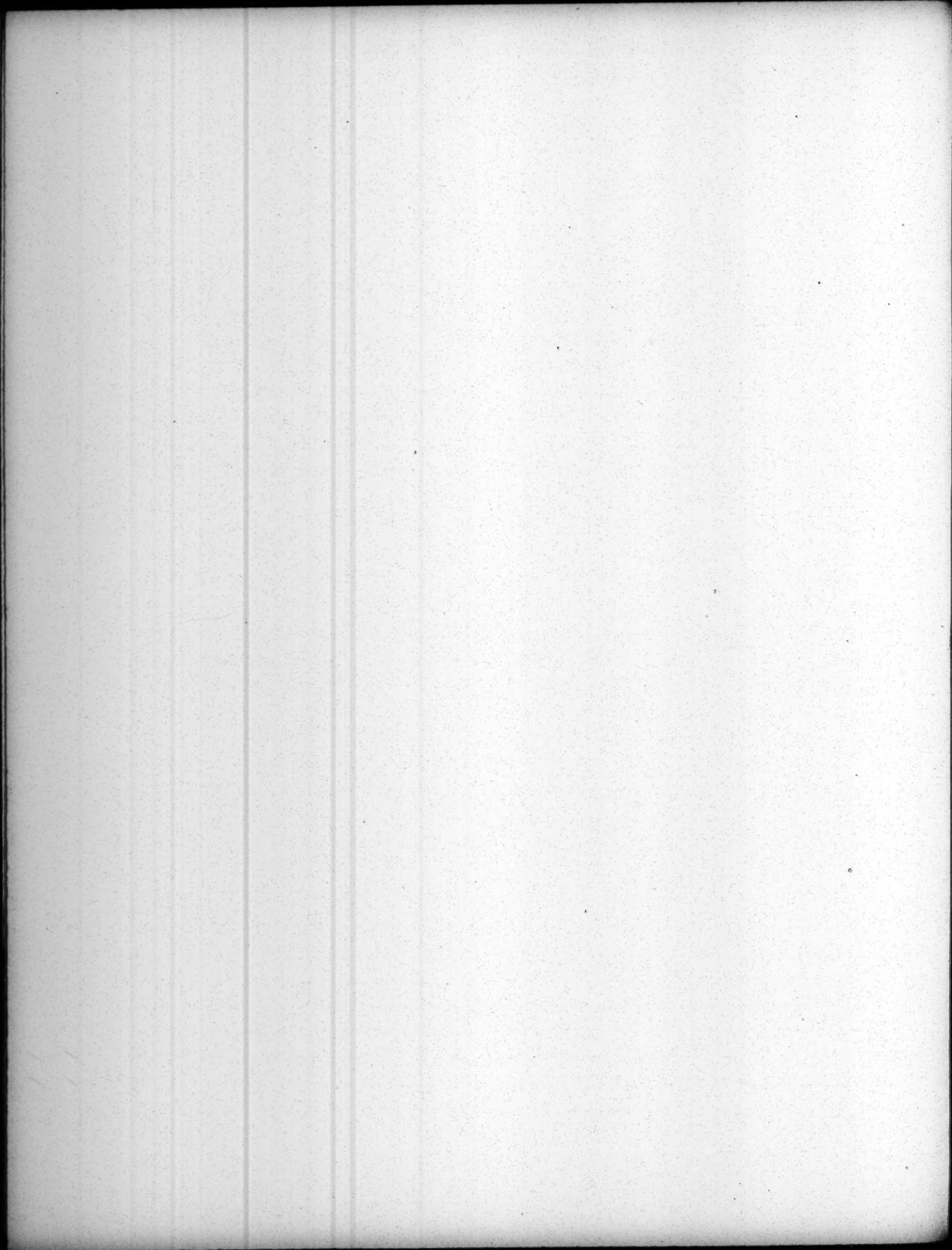


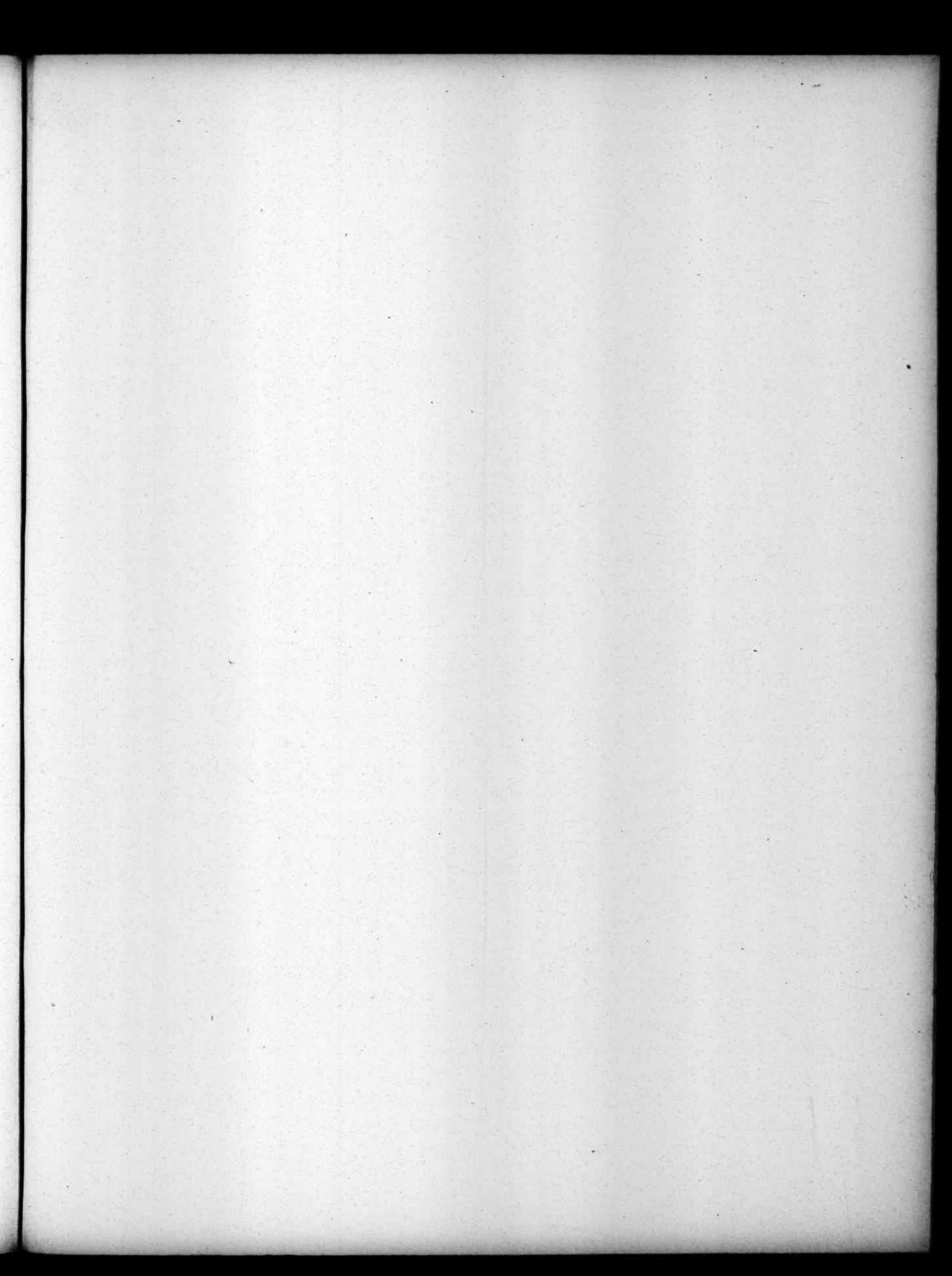


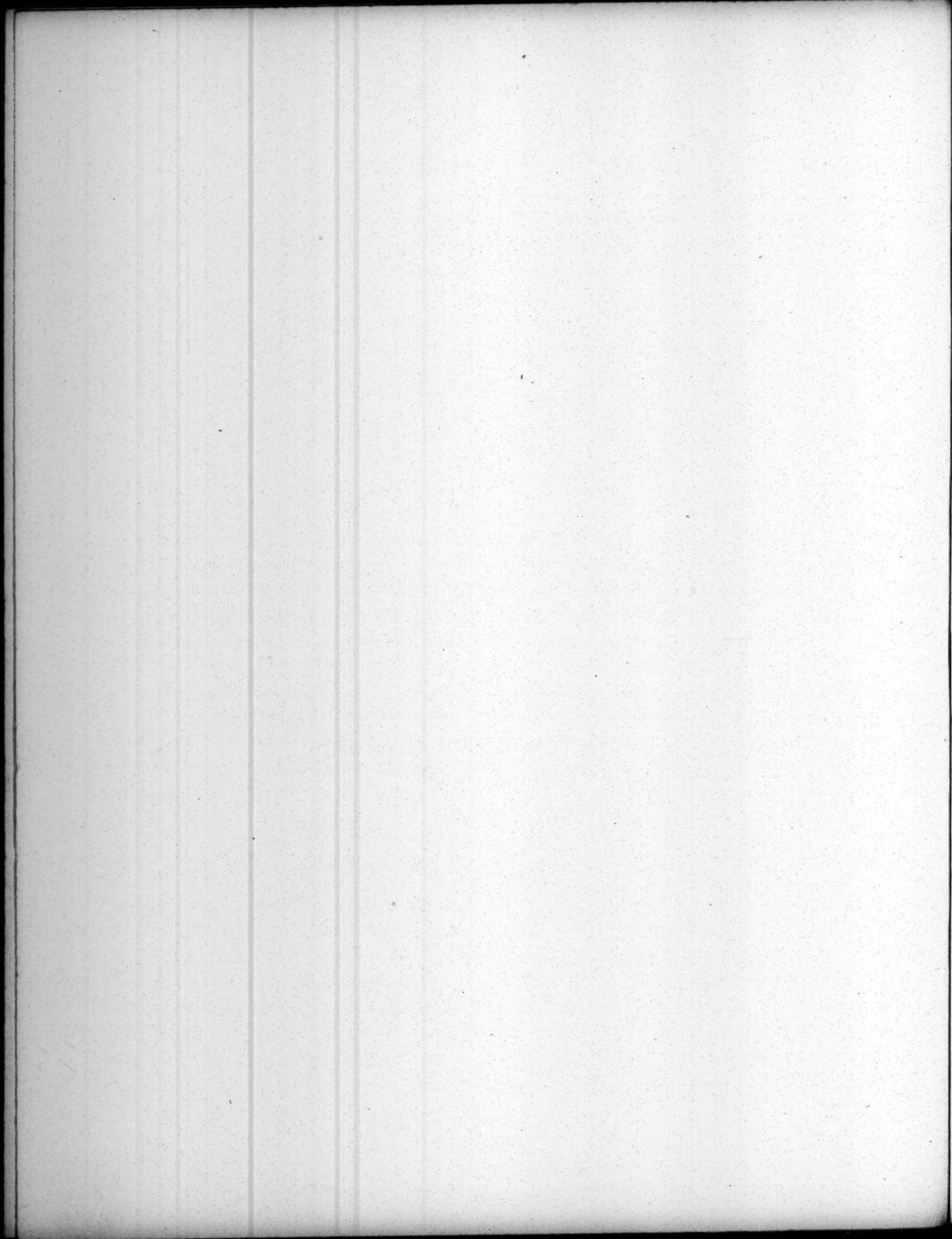


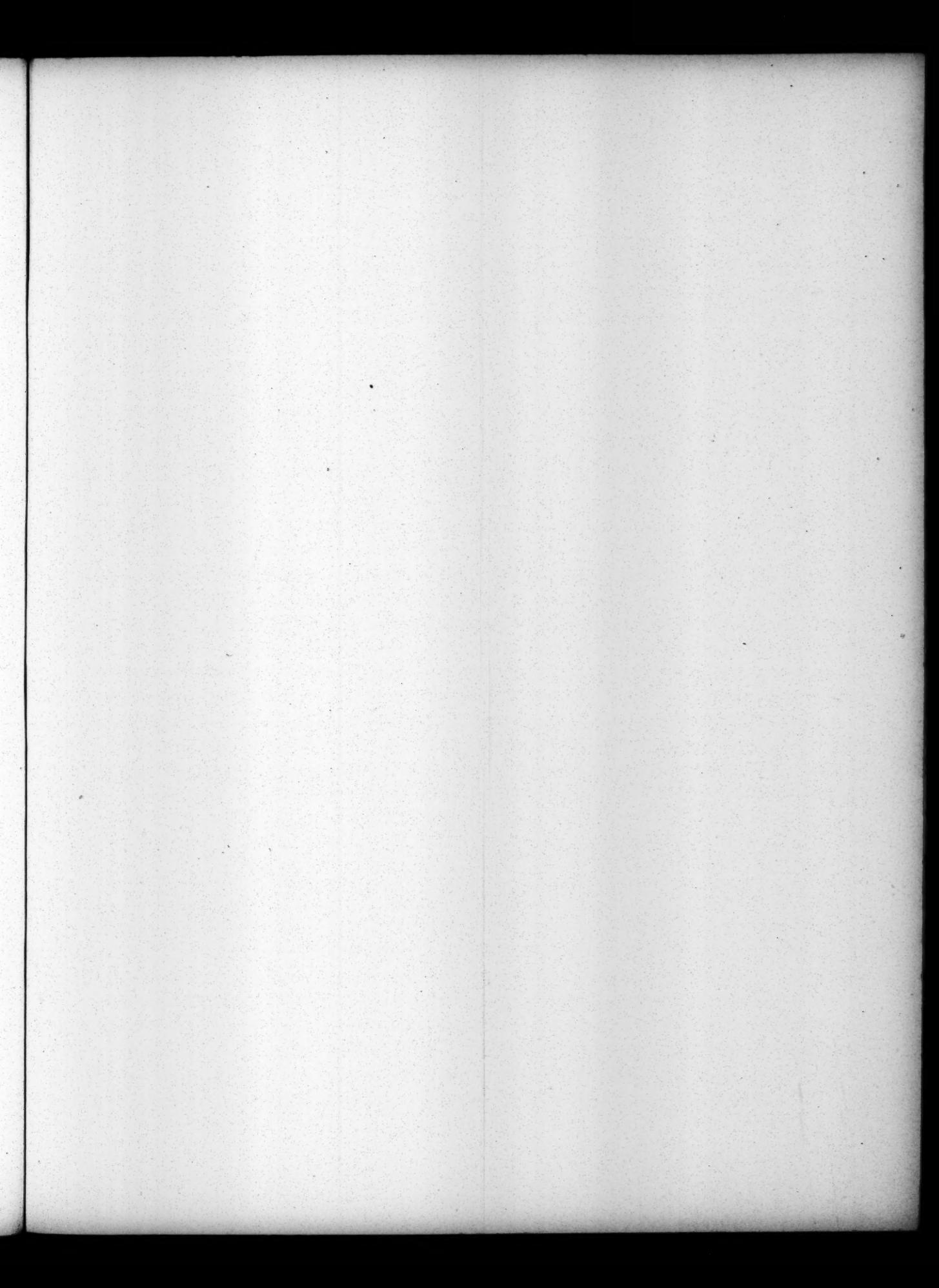


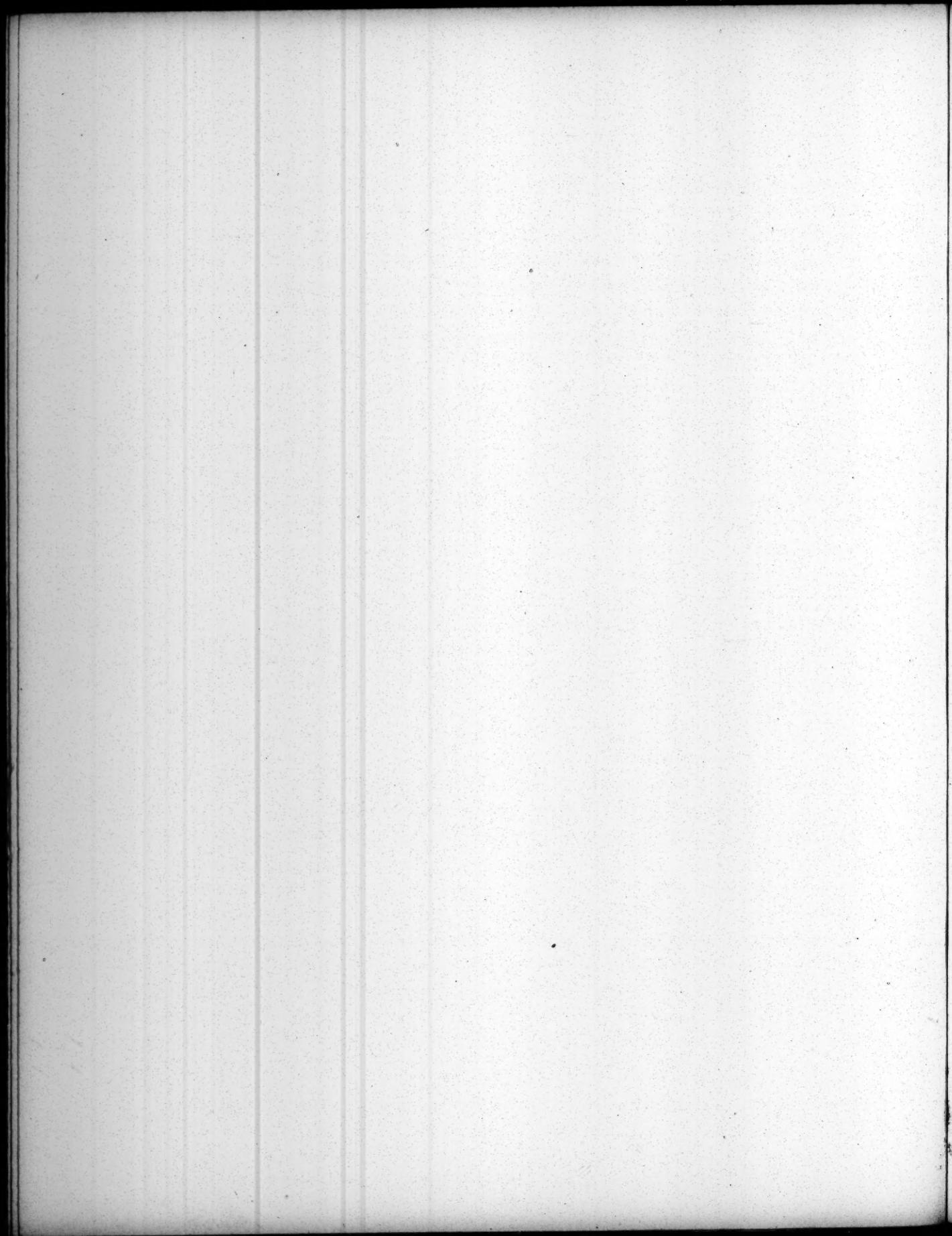


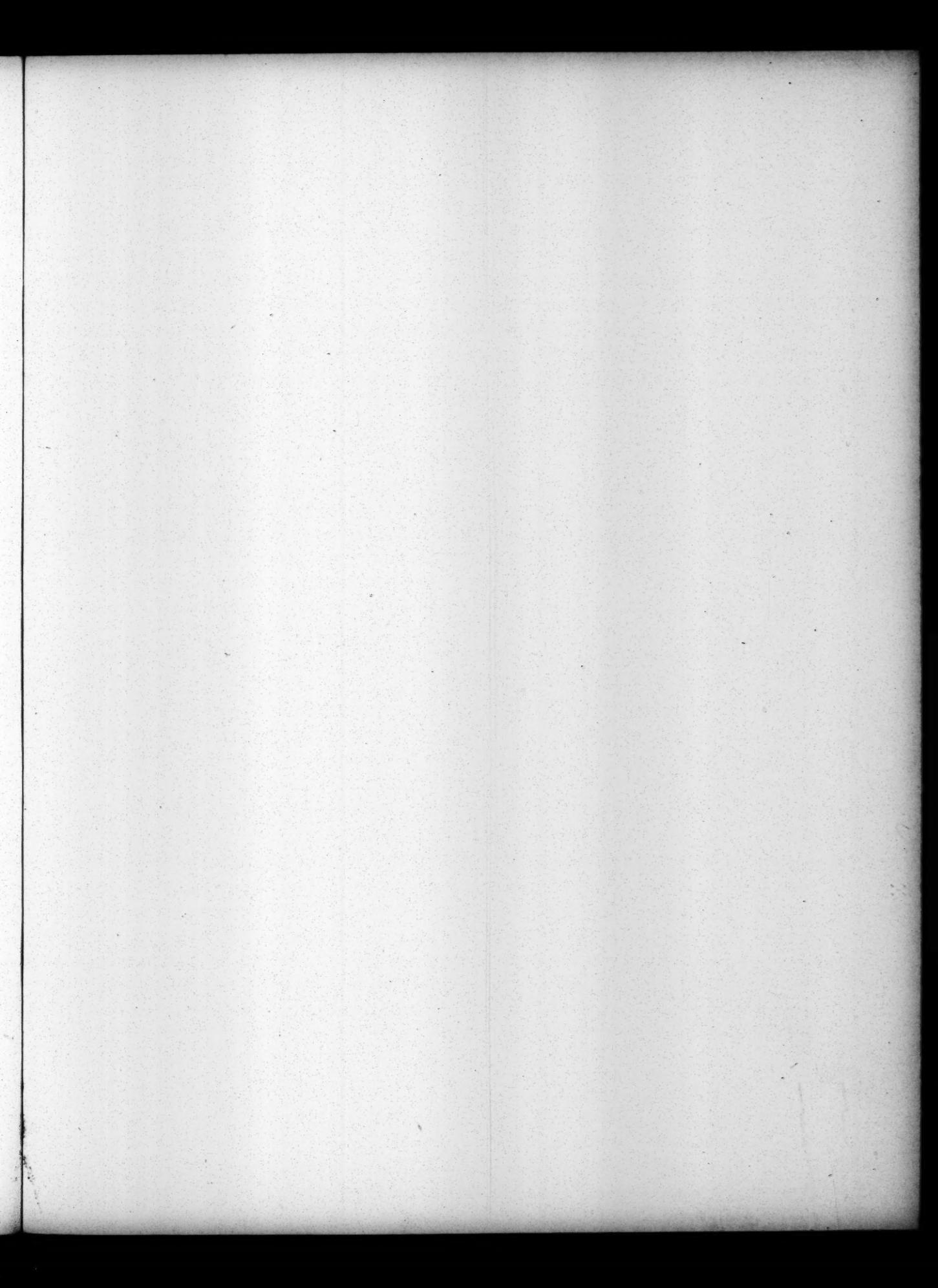


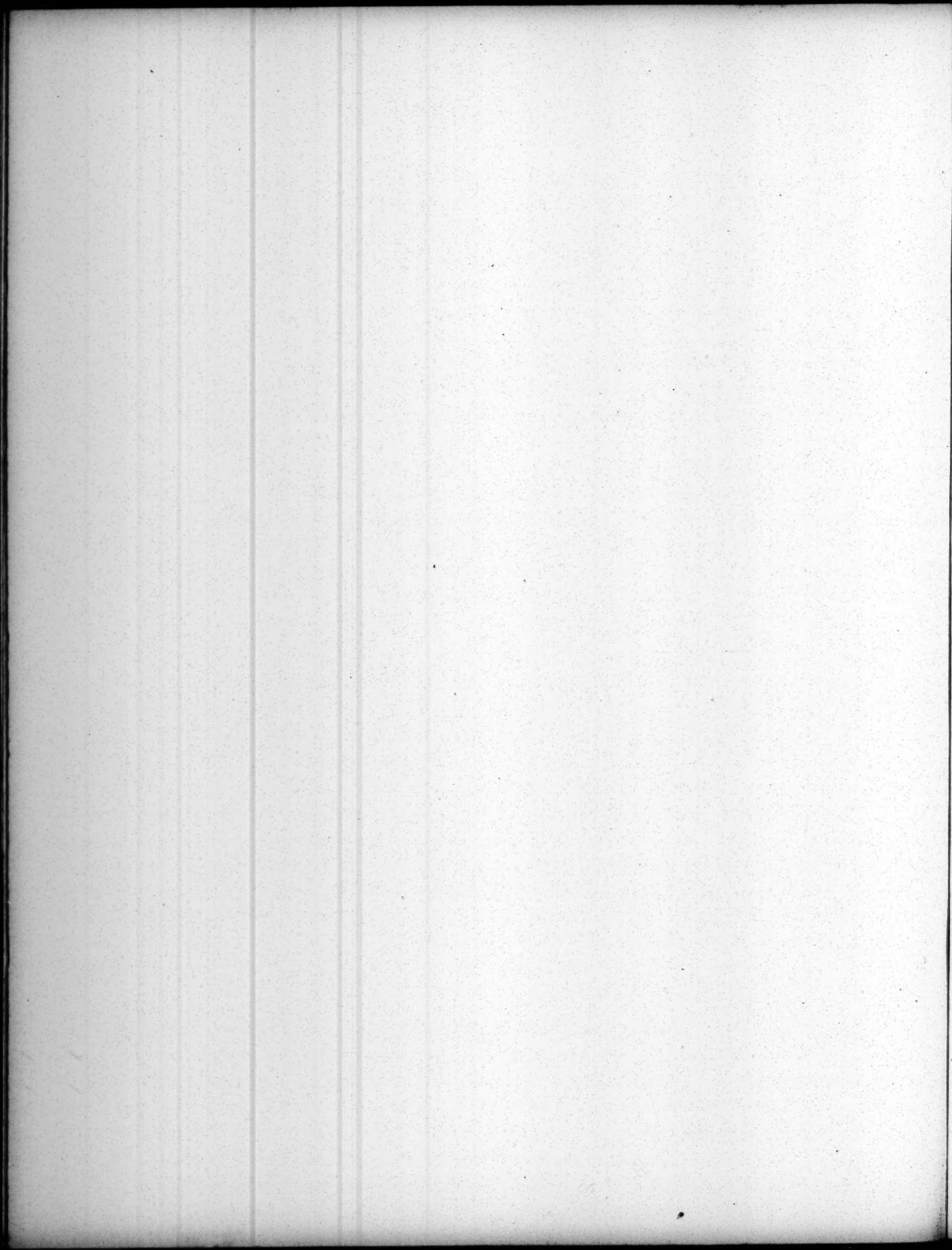


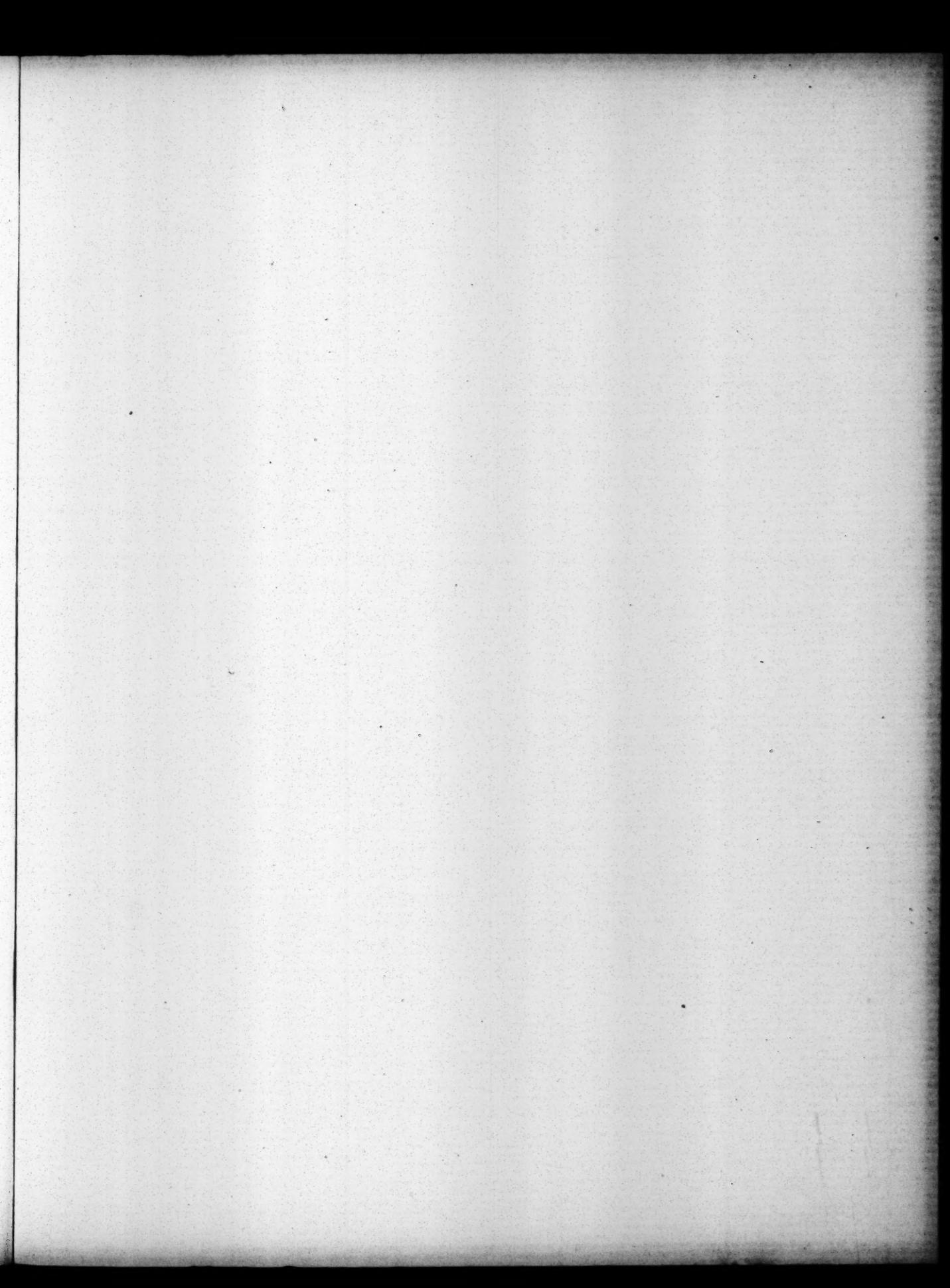














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